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France threatens to pull troops out of Bosnia

■ Continuing vacillation among the Western powers over whether to use force against the Bosnian Serbs is being exploited by the warring factions

BY TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE, PHILIP WEBSTER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FRANCE yesterday threatened to pull its troops out of the former Yugoslavia in exasperation at the way the United Nations is running the peacekeeping operation.

The threat, from the country with the biggest contingent in the Balkans, dealt yet another blow to the West's efforts to find a common policy that might halt the bloodshed. The White House admitted yesterday that it was unlikely to reach any decision this week on military action in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Britain seized on military chiefs' reservations to reiterate its counsel of caution.

The warring factions meanwhile took full advantage of the West's vacillation and pitched battles involving Serbs, Croats and Muslims were reported across the republic. The Bosnian Serbs followed up their formal rejection of the Vance-Owen peace plan with renewed attacks on



Léotard: no automatic use of French forces

the Muslim-held northwestern area of Bihac, where they plundered a UN food lorry. They also emphasised their disdain for UN authority by announcing a two-week ban on convoys to the besieged enclave on Gorazde in the east, blaming a Muslim offensive.

The UN's difficulties were compounded by François Léotard's announcement yesterday that France might pull its 5,500 troops out of the area. The French defence minister made his threat in response to mounting criticism by his senior officers over the way the UN headquarters in New York is running the peacekeeping operation.

They complain that the secretary-general's military aides are often African or Scandinavian officers whom the French regard as being inadequately experienced. The officer want key Nato countries to be given control. "France has rights, especially when it comes to the security of its troops," M Léotard said. "If questions as important and as basic as the definition of missions, clarity in the chain of command and adequate financing are not resolved, we will review the presence there of all our part of our forces," he told the national assembly. "There will be no automatic use of French national forces by the United nations if these questions are not resolved."

In calling for a clear definition of the mission, M Léotard was echoing the concerns expressed by military chiefs over the prospect of further action. On Tuesday, Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, chairman of Nato's military committee, had pleaded: "For God's sake decide what you're trying to achieve before you go out." And yesterday, Admiral Jeremy Boorda, the American who would command any Nato force sent to Bosnia, said he prayed for the sake of his men that governments made "good decisions" in deciding the way ahead. He warned of the danger of the conflict spilling into Kosovo, Hungary, Albania and Bulgaria.

Admiral Boorda admitted that many people believed the Vance-Owen plan was no longer viable because of the extensive fighting since they drew up their map. He also warned that alliance warships mounting a naval blockade of the former Yugoslavia could become involved in combat as a result of the latest UN sanctions. Nato ambassadors agreed yesterday that the warships could pursue merchant ships and even shoot holes in them with non-explosive shells if they were suspected of breaching the embargo.

The need for a clear political objective before embarking on any military action in the region was wholeheartedly endorsed yesterday by Downing Street, which, along with France, has been resisting any action that would endanger its troops on the ground. Officials said the West had given itself a clear mandate in the Gulf war

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GOLDFISH AND BELL SURVIVE BOMB DEVASTATION



First sight: the Bishop of London surveying the ruins of St Ethelburga yesterday

Hopes rise that City church can be rebuilt

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CHURCH leaders who clambered over rubble and crawled through broken windows to visit St Ethelburga, the church devastated by Saturday's IRA bomb in the City, were astonished to find a dozen goldfish swimming peacefully and unscathed around their pond amid piles of broken glass and rubble.

The church leaders also learnt that the church bell, which could not be found, had been blown clear and picked up. It is now lot 199 in Bishopsgate police station's store of lost property.

Some churchmen appear to be backtracking on earlier predictions that the building cannot be restored. But, on his first site visit yesterday evening, Dr David Hope, the Bishop of London, made no commitment. "We will have to make a very careful judgment about what is and is not possible. At this stage we just don't know the exact extent of the damage," he said.

The beautiful 1761 finial, the gold ball which had been the crowning ornament on the tower, gleamed defiantly in the wreckage as the bishop and the Ven George Cassidy, his archdeacon, surveyed the scene. Inside, too, the damage is less serious than was feared.

A magnificent reredos and an entire arcade of wood carvings have survived. Pews have been tossed around but remain recognisable, and ancient memorial tablets are still virtually intact in the north and south walls. The east wall is in one piece and about 5 per cent of the 1890 stained glass survives.

More video cameras and police are to be introduced in the City following discussions between the Prime Minister and the Lord Mayor .. Page 2

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Harsher penalties for drivers who kill

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PUBLIC outcry over the inadequacy of sentences for killer-drivers has prompted a government decision to double the maximum jail term to ten years. Legislation is expected to be included in a criminal justice bill this autumn.

Letters of complaint from the public over what are frequently regarded as derisory sentences for killer-drivers are flooding into the Home Office, dwarfing any other single area of complaint.

Since 1989, nearly 100 cases of overly lenient sentences have been referred by the Attorney General to the Court of Appeal, of which 14 per cent are over death by driving. But the referrals represent only the tip of the iceberg of all letters to ministers: about 20 to 25 per cent is made up of complaints over sentences for killer-drivers.

Less than a year after new road traffic offences were introduced under a Road Traffic Act, the government intends to combine the two existing offences on killing and driving, both introduced last June. Instead of the offences of causing death by dangerous driving and that of causing death by careless driving while over the prescribed blood-alcohol limit, there will be a new single offence carrying a ten-year penalty.

Public concern has been fuelled by a spate of recent cases. In February, a learner-driver who killed two mothers while speeding at up to 70 mph down country lanes in Hampshire was jailed for 18 months. The judge, Judge Milligan, said then: "No sentence can equal the loss of two women's lives." The husband of one of the women described the sentence as "laughable".

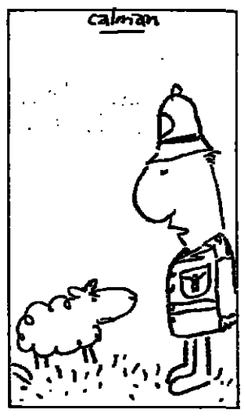
Graham Buxton, of the Campaign against Drinking and Driving, said: "This might mean that sentences will come closer to five years. Average sentences at the moment are about two years."

Rural crime reaches new high

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE number of crimes recorded in England and Wales reached a record high of 5.6 million last year with bigger increases in some rural areas, according to figures published yesterday.

Although the rate of increase dropped from 16 per cent in 1991 to 6 per cent last year, the decline may not continue in 1993. The Home Office gave a warning that the last three months of 1992 had shown a reversal of the downward trend. The figures from all forces in England and



Wales also show that the solution rate had fallen by 6 per cent.

Michael Jack, a junior Home Office minister, blamed the increase on crime in rural areas on greater mobility and better roads. He said criminals were being driven to attack soft targets in the shire counties because of the success of crime prevention measures taken in metropolitan districts, and because they took advantage of improved road networks in the country.

Mr Jack said that the partnership approach towards crime prevention was more

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Pound up as Germany cuts rates

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

STERLING rose strongly yesterday after Germany cut interest rates again, followed by other European countries, but then ran into the buffers of suspected Bank of England intervention.

The performance of other UK financial markets was in stark contrast, with share prices and gilt edged bonds falling heavily. The FTSE 100 index closed 35.4 down at 2,797.3. Nick Knight, of Nomura Research, said the market was in a potentially erratic period when investors had given up hope of lower base rates but were yet to see the profits improvement which will come with recovery. Gilts fell because of disappointing demand for yesterday's auction of £3 billion of new stock.

The Bank of England declined to comment on reports that it was selling sterling yesterday. Several banks said that the bank was active, apparently trying to slow what has been an impressive rally on the strength of increasing evidence of economic recovery.

The German central bank cut rates much more aggressively than was expected. The move suggests European interest rates could fall more swiftly than hoped recently.

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20,000 smear tests may have been wrongly read

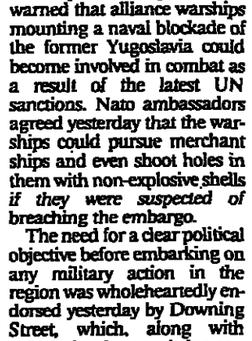
AN enquiry was launched yesterday after a Scottish health authority revealed that up to 20,000 cervical smear tests may have been misread. A doctor's error in interpreting a test came to light when a patient, who had been given an all-clear, developed cervical cancer.

Argyll and Clyde health board admitted there had been "serious discrepancies" in its screening programme. As a result, some 20,000 slides were being urgently re-examined and doctors estimated 2,000 women may have to be recalled for another test.

The board has set up a Freephone helpline, 0800 241333, from 9am to 9pm.

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Shavians upset the apple cart over museum money



Shaw: squabble erupts over royalties bequest

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

MORE than 40 years after George Bernard Shaw died, the British Museum is at the centre of a bitter row over its right to a legacy in the playwright's will.

The museum stands accused by Shavians of ignoring the spirit of GBS's will and reneging on its "moral obligation" to hand over the fruits of the large bequest to the New British Library.

When Shaw died in 1950 he left a third of the income from his royalties to the British Museum "in acknowledgement of the incalculable value to me of my daily resort to the Reading Room ... at the beginning of my career".

When the British Library was established in 1973, responsibility for the Reading Room in the museum building was transferred. Now Shaw scholars, backed by the Labour MP Mark Fisher (Stoke-on-Trent Central), want the money handed over too.

Since 1950 the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, the National Gallery of Ireland and the British Museum have received more than £9 million from the royalties — worth almost £40 million today, taking inflation into account. By 2000, when Shaw's royalties end, they will have gained an extra £3.4 million.

Because the will is administered by the Public Trustee, Mr Fisher, former shadow arts and libraries minister, has tabled questions in the House of Commons challenging the museum to issue details of the bequest and asking how much the British Library has received. The museum, in an official statement, said Shaw's will "did not oblige the museum to devote the bequest to the British Museum Library ..." Income from investments had been used to improve the galleries for visitors.

Michael Holroyd, Shaw's biographer, said Shaw would have wanted his money to go to the new British Library development, which urgently needs funds. "He was trying to return money to the library to say thank you, and to give other people the benefits he had himself."

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First fighting cuckoos of spring take an early bath

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

When MPs conjure up the prospect of Clare Short and Michael Howard bathing together at Cleethorpes; when John Redwood in sci-fi tie casts aside his donnish cool and leads a crowd of Tory yobs jeering *Labour! Labour!* . . . then, my friends, you know that spring is sprung and an election is just around the corner.

Yesterday was the last chance for questions on local government, before next Thursday's polls in Newbury and (for county councils) nationwide. It was a chance for posturing of the most outrageous kind. Simon Burns (C, Chelmsford) began by simply shouting down Roland Boyes (Lab, Houghton and Washington). "Poppycock! Poppycock!" Boyes had tried to grab a soundbite about Tory council tax bills being higher. . . .

"Oh yes they are!"

"Oh no they aren't!"

Labour's spokesman, Jack Straw, muscled his way to the table and bellowed: "Labour provide better services at a lower cost than the Tories!"

"No! *No!*" shrieked the Tories. John Redwood, microwave-turned-minister, strode to the dispatch box. Redwood once appeared as a super-intelligent alien, shuddering with distaste as Earthlings pestered him with silly questions. Now he seems to have joined the natives. "Conservatives give you *lower* taxes and *better* services with *less* government grants than Labour!"

"No!"

"Yes!"

"In band C we find . . ."

"What about band A?"

"£100 less per household!"

"£37 more in band C!"

". . . Children being taught in corridors . . ."

"Hell-bent . . . blighted lives . . ."

"*Labour!*" . . .

"Poppycock, poppycock."

Whom do these people think they're impressing? Do they honestly believe the public take any notice? Do MPs imagine they have an audience outside Parliament for this sort of thing? Surely not? Whom, then, is it for? Mostly, I think, it is each other they are trying to frighten or exhort.

The prize in effrontery was shared by Michael Brown and Robin Squire. Squire, a minister normally subject to worrying bouts of rationality, succumbed to election fever yesterday and claimed, as a jewel in the crown of his government's policies, the fact that in Sheffield disused factories are being transformed into green spaces.

So now we know. The story of the devastation of great swaths of our manufacturing capacity is now to be rewritten as "The Greening of Britain". Pitheads up the spout? Steelworks on the scrapheap? Rejoice! To your potting sheds and bring out the marigolds! What is the death of an industry but the birth of a park?

Michael Brown (C, Brigg and Cleethorpes), who on Tuesday told ministers that Britain's recovery had begun in Brigg, yesterday invited the secretary of state, Michael Howard, to Cleethorpes and managed to roll into his question both the fact that tourism there was booming and the fact that the resort's beaches have *not* yet reached EC standards. Ms Short challenged Mr Howard not to stop at Cleethorpes waterfront, but to start swimming. Howard invited Short to join him.

Picture the two of them — Ms Short, a muscular Brummie lady of ample proportions, Mr Howard a skinny little Welsh lawyer — entering the water together, hand in hand, he perhaps in trunks a size too large, she in a vast striped bathing suit . . .

MPs may think you have the ingredients here of a summons to the polls. The rest of us may see, instead, all the elements of a rude postcard.

JULIAN HERBERT



Rushing buy: Irish greyhounds going through their paces at the spring trials at Wimbledon Stadium greyhound track in south London yesterday before being sold off in Britain's biggest auction of greyhounds. Dogs can fetch anything up to 6,000 guineas in the run-up to the Wimbledon derby in June

NEWS IN BRIEF

Car insurance covers terrorism, AA says

Car owners whose vehicles are destroyed by terrorist bombs are covered by their insurance, the Automobile Association said last night. The AA's claim may comfort the two minicab drivers whose cars were destroyed on Saturday night after they defied IRA orders to take bombs to Downing Street and New Scotland Yard. The men feared that they were not covered for terrorist damage.

The AA said that the two were entitled to compensation. Mike Warburton, head of claims recovery, said that the AA had supported a member claiming for damage to his car from last year's City of London blast. His insurers had at first rejected his claim, wrongly thinking that a government-backed scheme to compensate terrorist damage in Northern Ireland applied to all of Britain. Mr Warburton said. "Vehicles are still covered if damaged by a bomb," he said.

Adopted girl must wait

The Court of Appeal yesterday reserved judgment on a 13-year-old girl's attempt to overturn a court order that blocks her legal attempt to break away from her adoptive parents and live with an aunt. Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Staughton and Mr Justice Waite will give judgment before the end of next week.

Detective jailed

Detective Constable Stuart Goodwell, whom Judge Laughland described at the Old Bailey as a "talented" policeman, was jailed for 12 months for stealing a luxury hire car. Goodwell, 33, of Leatherhead, Surrey, failed to return the Vauxhall Carlton, claiming it had been stolen. He had earlier been convicted of theft.

Foot returns to the Eye



Paul Foot, the campaigning journalist and inspiration for the loony left-wing reporter David Spart in *Private Eye*, is returning to the satirical magazine where he cut his journalistic teeth in the early 1960s. Foot, left, who quit the *Daily Mirror* last month after his editor refused to print articles criticising the paper's management, will return with his campaigning column, Footnotes.

TV porn appeal fails

The owners of the pornographic satellite channel Red Hot Television failed in the Court of Appeal yesterday to block the government from preventing viewers seeing its programmes in Britain, pending a European Court test. Three judges unanimously upheld a High Court ruling that cleared the way for a ban on the sale of decoders.

Thousands in cancer scare after doctor misread tests

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of women who had cervical smears examined at a hospital in Scotland are to have their tests rechecked for signs of cancer after it was disclosed yesterday that some had been wrongly diagnosed.

The Scottish Office announced an independent enquiry into "serious discrepancies" in the cervical screening programme at Inverclyde Royal Hospital after a doctor misread some slides sent to its laboratories. The doctor, who has not been named, has retired.

Tommy Graham, Labour MP for Renfrew West and Inverclyde, described the error as "a blunder of incredible magnitude". He welcomed the investigation as a "first step" in sorting it out, but said he would be seeking assurances that the costs of retesting 20,000 samples would be met by the government.

The mistake came to light when a woman being treated at Greenock health centre was found to have cancer of the cervix. "Doctors looked back at her smear test and found it showed abnormalities which should have been followed up at the time", a spokesman for the Argyll and Clyde Health board said.

Discovery of the error instigated further checks of a random sample of 1,000 smears taken since 1987. In 40 cases there was evidence of abnormality or the smear was inadequate, which should have led to further action.

The health board said all smears reported as negative between 1987 and February 1992 would be re-examined over the next eight to nine weeks, except for women who have been rescreened in the past year. Some 2,000 women are likely to be called for a repeat test.

Nationally, between 5 and 10 per cent of routine smear tests are "abnormal" and require a retest. Most abnormalities resolve naturally, but about one sixth require further investigation. In 20,000 women tested, doctors would expect to find two to four cases of cervical cancer.

Robert Reid, chairman of Argyll and Clyde health board, said that any woman recalled for a repeat test would have her smear taken within one week and the result communicated to her within a further week. "We are sorry and deeply regret this serious situation and the obvious increased distress that this will undoubtedly cause," he said.

A monitoring system had been introduced in February 1992 at the Inverclyde Royal Hospital under which one in ten smears was now double-checked, "which will prevent such a problem ever occurring again", Mr Reid said.

Announcing the independent enquiry, Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, Scottish Office minister of state, said: "I am very concerned to learn that some inaccurate results may have been obtained from this one laboratory because of misreading of cervical smear test slides in the five-year period before 1992. It is important to establish the correct position quickly in order to allay the concern of the women tested."

Previous incidents in which cervical smear tests have been wrongly diagnosed have occurred in Merseyside and Oxford, leading to the recall of thousands of women for repeat tests. In Oxford two women died following delays in informing them of early signs of the disease.

Cervical cancer kills almost 2,000 women a year, but deaths have fallen by 15 per cent in the past six years and the proportion of women having smear tests has doubled.

☐ *A freephone helpline has been set up by the Argyll and Clyde health board: 0800 241333, 9am-9pm.*

Wandsworth plans to beat boycott

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

A CONSERVATIVE council plans to beat this summer's teachers' boycott by offering schools extra staff to conduct national curriculum tests for seven and 14-year-olds.

In a move that threatens to intensify the dispute, Wandsworth Borough Council, in south London, aims to reduce ordinary teachers' workload by drafting in outsiders to invigilate and mark the tests. The council's plan results from its failure to outlaw the boycott by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT) in the appeal court last week. Two other unions are balloting members to join the action.

Council officials told local representatives of the five main teaching unions of the plan at a meeting yesterday. Afterwards, one union member said: "Clearly it's an attempt to undermine the action by calling in scab labour. It could lead to picket lines outside schools or hasten the organisation of a boycott by parents."

Wandsworth's offer will put head teachers and governors, who have a legal duty to ensure the tests take place, under severe pressure. Both head teachers' unions have advised members not to undermine any boycott by using outside staff or adding to their personal workload.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said Wandsworth was determined to disrupt education in its schools. "Wandsworth is now set on subjecting its pupils to flawed tests to be administered and marked by total strangers," he said. However, Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the NAS/UWT, said the offer was a small step in the right direction of reducing teachers' workload.

City fights back to thwart bombers

BY JILL SHERMAN AND CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

SECURITY in the City of London is to be stepped up in an attempt to thwart the terrorists. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, announced yesterday. There will be more surveillance cameras, and possibly more police on patrol.

However, a balance had to be struck between armed roadblocks and allowing the commercial life of the City to carry on without disruption, he said.

The home secretary also called for greater public vigilance throughout the country.

Mr Clarke was speaking after a meeting between the prime minister and Sir Francis McWilliams, the Lord Mayor; Owen Kelly, the commissioner of the City of London Police, and Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police commissioner, to discuss security measures after last weekend's bombing at Bishopsgate which killed a *News of the World* photographer and caused about £500 million damage.

The meeting at Downing Street overran by 25 minutes. Afterwards, the home secretary said that more cameras would be put in to survey the area and he would be discussing with the police whether more manpower was needed among other measures.

"We will step up pressure on the terrorists but we will also ask everyone in every part of the country to be vigilant and think of the risks they run if they don't take care of themselves."

Mr Clarke said that other plans had been considered but that they could not be publicised as the government had to be one step ahead of the terrorists. He said that he would look sympathetically at any proposals from the City.

Asked whether there should be armed roadblocks, Mr Clarke said that the City of London police had already been maintaining roadblocks. "A balance has to be struck between roadblocks to deter and frustrate the terrorists and going to the other extreme and causing enormous traffic jams and disrupting the commercial life of the City."

Sir Francis described the meeting as constructive and said that everything that could be done would be done. "You can rest assured that however many times the terrorist strikes the City of London, it will continue to operate and continue to thrive."

Six of the nine people arrested by armed police investigating the bombing were released yesterday. Three were still being questioned last night.

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Whitehall jail chief 'unwise'

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND RICHARD FORD

A SENIOR civil servant, who was poached to join a company running a private prison, attempted to recruit his colleagues while still employed in Whitehall.

Charles Erickson, a senior official involved in preparing detailed plans for privatising prisons, "sounded out" other civil servants before joining Group 4 almost three months ago. Sir Clive Whitmore, permanent secretary at the Home Office, admitted Mr Erickson had taken the "unwise" step of contacting colleagues to see if they wanted to follow him into the private sector.

His admission to the Commons home affairs select committee causes further embarrassment to the government's plans to inject private sector skills into the state prison service. Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, has already questioned the move of Mr Erickson's successor in the remand contract unit to a private sector company bidding for the contract to run Strangeways prison.

Last night's admission by Sir Clive came as Group 4 announced that the head of the country's first privately managed remand jail has been moved to a new post, only weeks after conflicting reports on its achievements. Stephen Twinn is to take charge of communications at Group 4's prison and court services following a series of escapes that has embarrassed ministers and made the company the target of comedians and cartoonists.

He has been replaced as director of the Wolds remand prison on Humberside by Walter MacGowan, a former governor of two remand prisons in the public sector. Last night, the company denied that the move, which takes effect immediately, was linked to a highly critical report on the Wolds by the Prison Reform Trust, which said life at the jail was boring and aimless.

Rural crime reaches new high

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highly developed in metropolitan areas where the perception of crime as a problem had been realised earlier. He said the trend towards more crime prevention would be seen in non-metropolitan areas.

Although Mr Jack said the figures showed a "more encouraging overall trend" than in 1991 when the rate of increase was 16 per cent, Labour accused the government of greeting the figures with complacency. Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, said it was time that the government took crime seriously and put foward a thought-out policy to fight crime. "No one was now safe," he said. "There are hundreds of thousands more crimes being committed and that crime is now affecting every town and village and city in our country. It is not just an inner city phenomenon. That is why it is so important the government begins to take crime as seriously as the public."

Robert Maclennan, the Liberal Democrat spokesman on home affairs, also criticised the government's record, saying the figures left no room for complacency. "Crime has still risen by 46 per cent since 1987. I see no green shoots here, only weeds."

Robert Reiner, professor of criminology at the London School of Economics, said the figures only looked good compared with awful statistics for 1990 and 1991. Many rural areas suffering from big increases in crime were becoming more and more urbanised.

"The increases are because the conditions that generate crime are developing rapidly in the county areas," he said. Relative deprivation in rural areas was increasing with increases in unemployment.

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Officers deny fabricating bomb evidence

Guildford Four man 'told police names of 38 IRA activists'

BY RICHARD DUCE

ONE of the Guildford Four, Gerard Conlon, volunteered the names of almost 40 active members of the IRA after being jailed for the public house bombing murders, a court was told yesterday.

However, when Mr Conlon appealed against his conviction, the confession evidence was ruled inadmissible because it would prejudice the case against the other three defendants, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Edmund Lawson QC, defending one of three police officers accused of fabricating evidence in the Guildford case almost 20 years ago, said: "He gave a whole catalogue of names of persons said by him to be involved in terrorism. Thirty-eight names were identified by the innocent Mr Conlon."

Mr Lawson said that it was the first time that the post-conviction interviews with Mr Conlon had been disclosed in court.

Mr Conlon and Patrick Armstrong, Paul Hill and Carole Richardson had their convictions for murder quashed by the Court of Appeal in 1989 after serving 14 years for the bombings of two public houses in Guildford that killed five people and injured more than 70 others.

The court was told yesterday how Mr Conlon summoned police, including Supt Peter Imbert — later Sir Peter and Metropolitan Police Commissioner — to Wandsworth prison on the day after he was jailed for life.

Mr Conlon, who, up until his conviction, had denied any IRA involvement, then admitted that he was a quartermaster with it.

Later, he provided Mr Imbert with a "substantial tape recording" containing information about the IRA, Mr Lawson said.

Mr Lawson said: "Conlon, on the very day after he had been sentenced to life imprisonment, caused an urgent message to be sent to the bomb squad saying he wanted to see them."

The court has already been told that Patrick Armstrong allegedly "sang like a canary" to police, about his involvement in the bombings of the Horse and Groom and the Seven Stars public houses in Guildford in October 1974 and the King's Arms in Woolwich, south London, a month later, when two people were killed.

Three former Surrey police officers deny conspiring to pervert the course of justice by manufacturing interview notes with Mr Armstrong. The accused officers are former Chief Inspector Thomas Style, 59, Detective Sergeant John Donaldson, 57, and Detective Constable Vernon Atwell, 52. It is alleged that, at the trial of the Guildford Four in 1975, the officers lied on oath that their handwritten notes were contemporary. In fact, it is claimed, they were written much later to bolster the case against Mr Armstrong, then 24.

The officers were charged after an enquiry by Avon and Somerset police into the Surrey force's handling of the case.

Mr Lawson made his comments about Mr Conlon during cross-examination of a retired superintendent, Peter Brock, the deputy investigating officer in the case against the three defendants.

Mr Brock agreed that, after Mr Conlon's arrest in 1974, he allegedly told police that he had only taken part in the bombings because the IRA would have killed him otherwise.

It was alleged that Mr Conlon said: "I thought I was going to get a head job. Honest to God, I thought if I didn't do it they would kill me. I saw it in the paper next day. When I realised [that people had died] I cried."

Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny asked what line of defence Mr Conlon had taken at his trial in view of his apparent confession. "It is such an extraordinary story we are being treated to," the judge said.

Mr Lawson, who is defending Mr Attwell, said that Mr Conlon had claimed that he was not in Guildford at the time of the bombings and was forced to make false confessions after threats to his family.

The case continues today.



MARC ASPLAND

Breath of fresh air: the two youngest Proms performers, Nicholas Purves, 9, left, and Thomas Hopkinson, 10, of King's College choir

Bargain Britannia will rule the Proms airwaves

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

THE Proms will feature more British performers than ever this year as foreign orchestras price themselves out of the London market.

Speaking yesterday at the launch of this year's programme, John Drummond, director of the Proms, said that the world's top orchestras were starting to demand prohibitive fees — a worrying trend that would make appearances in London difficult to secure. Several young British conductors will make their debut at the Proms, including Sian Edwards, the new music director at English National Opera, Martyn Brabbins, recently appointed associate conductor of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and Ivor Bolton, Glyndebourne Touring Opera's new music director.

British youth orchestras and choirs, much cheaper than their professional equivalents, feature strongly. The choir of King's College, Cambridge, will make its Proms debut with an all-English programme and the choir of New College, Oxford, will sing Handel. Three new London ensembles, whose reputation has been steadily growing, also make debuts: St James's Baroque Players, the Docklands Sinfonietta and the Matrix ensemble. New commissions have been cut back to two, rather than the usual six or seven. However, an important UK premiere of Lutoslawski's *Symphony No 4* will take place on August 27, with the composer conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Other big UK premieres include Töru Takemitsu's *From me flows what you call Time* and the first complete UK performance of the Requiem by Hans Werner Henze.

☐ Ten per cent of jobs at the South Bank Centre are to be cut in the wake of a critical Arts Council appraisal and three subsequent reports on staffing. The 30 losses will range across all departments.

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Trawler deaths 'misadventure'

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

AN INQUEST jury last night returned verdicts of misadventure on two crewmen who died when the trawler Wilhelmina J was in collision with a Cypriot-registered freight ship in thick fog in the English Channel two years ago.

The inquest at Portsmouth was told that all six trawlermen had been lost in the collision with the Zulfikar. The inquest was into the deaths of skipper Jeff Venters, 24, and engineer Christopher Thomas, 35, whose bodies were recovered when the trawler was raised. There had been a delay of nearly two hours before the incident had been reported to the coastguard and then it was in the form of a protest by the Zulfikar skipper, about the collision.

Coastguard Erick Musson said that when he commented on the delay the Zulfikar skipper had told him: "That is correct. I took time to assess damage to my vessel and find out if I could see or not, and I gave you a call as soon as that was cleared up." He said the skipper reported that the trawler had been seen on radar after impact.

The inquest was told that by the time the Zulfikar reported the incident, it was 18 miles from the collision point.

The master and second officer of the freighter, both from India, did not give evidence, although an offer had been made to pay their expenses to come to Britain. James Kenroy, the Portsmouth coroner, said the inquest had no power to subpoena them.

Nissan accused of massive tax fraud

NISSAN, the Japanese car manufacturer, was yesterday accused of a massive international tax fraud to maximise its profits in the highly competitive industry.

A jury at Southwark Crown Court was told that the parent company had "ripped-off" Nissan UK, the independant British company that had imported and distributed the cars after winning a franchise in 1971.

Michael Sherrard QC, defending Michael Hunt, former director of Nissan UK, claimed there was a "significant, serious and credible" alternative to charges his client faced.

"There may well have been a very serious and very substantial fraud outside the UK altogether," he said.

Mr Hunt denies two charges of conspiracy to cheat the taxman and two alternative charges of conspiring to make use of false documents.

It is alleged that he was second-in-command in a plot to grossly inflate the cost of importing cars in a bid to strip Nissan UK of £219 million profit and evade £97 million in corporation tax.

Mr Sherrard said profits made through freight were kept down by Nissan in Japan to avoid paying an equivalent amount of tax. He said it was alleged by the prosecution that directors of Nissan UK had deliberately inflated transport costs paid to shipping agents, but that investigations by the defence had uncovered close connections between the shipping agents, based in Holland and Norway, and Japan.

Mr Sherrard said the Japanese had used confidentiality agreements about freight costs to take over Nissan UK's franchise.

He said that the manufacturers, knowing of the payments, never suggested that its franchise holder could save money by returning to an earlier shipping arrangement.

The trial continues today.

Gambler accused of false murder alibi

BY RAY CLANCY

A GAMBLER who strangled his lover to get £90,000 from her life insurance policy used the cunning of a fox to create an alibi, a court was told yesterday.

Robert Mantack, 29, of Swindon, Wiltshire, who denies murdering Donna Simpkins, 27, had a devious mind, Christopher Clark QC, for the prosecution, told Bristol Crown Court. The policy on Mrs Simpkins, who was divorced, had been taken out a few days before her "cynical and callous killing". She was found strangled in an armchair at home. She and Mr Mantack worked at a chicken factory and an intimate relationship developed, Mr Clark said, but Mr Mantack was having an affair with another worker and had considerable gambling debts.

"The defendant went to considerable lengths to concoct an alibi that is demonstrably a lie," Mr Clark said. "There is clear evidence linking him to a fabricated telephone message, a message to put him clear of suspicion, to show that the killing of Donna Simpkins took place over an hour after it in fact took place."

Mr Mantack told his other girl friend that Mrs Simpkins had Aids and had "given it to one of the guys at work" and that "they are going to waste her". Mr Clark said that "like the cunning fox" Mr Mantack was laying a false trail. The case continues today.

Nurse trial jury shown spiked juice

THE jury in the murder trial of nurse Beverley Allitt yesterday studied a glass of "spiked" blackcurrant drink.

The drink had been laced with a drug prescribed for diabetics in an attempt by the defence at Nottingham Crown Court to show that surface scum left by the pills would have been obvious to anyone drinking it.

Allitt, 24, denies murdering four children in her care in 1991 and attempting to murder 11 other people.

The prosecution claimed that she spiked a glass of blackcurrant juice which she gave to 15-year-old Jonathan Jobson, a member of the Peterborough family with whom she was living after she had been arrested and released on bail. Jonathan noticed "chalky bits" at the bottom of the glass and later collapsed. He was taken to hospital and recovered.

The defence called poisons expert Dr Robyn Braithwaite to show that dissolving tablets of Diamicron in the blackcurrant would leave tell-tale signs floating on the top.

Cross-examined by the prosecution, Dr Braithwaite agreed it would have been possible for someone to remove the scum with a spoon.

The trial was adjourned.

Woman joins team guarding princess

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Princess of Wales is to have a woman police protection officer. Sgt Carol Quirk, of the Metropolitan police royalty and diplomatic protection group, has been assigned to the princess to replace Inspector Des Stout, who is moving to other duties.

Neither Buckingham Palace nor Scotland Yard would give details of Sgt Quirk's appointment, on security grounds. The princess's principal protection officer, Insp Ken Wharfe, is to remain with her.

Sgt Quirk is not the first policewoman on royal protection duty; both Prince Edward and the Princess Royal have been assigned female bodyguards in the past. Despite her separation from the Prince of Wales, the princess is still assigned full police protection at all times.

The princess normally has four protection officers working on rotation. Sgt Quirk, who is understood to be in her thirties, is expected to spend at least two years in the post.

Royal security is expected to be the subject of a Scotland Yard investigation after at least two recent incidents in which intruders made their way into occupied royal palaces, apparently without difficulty.

Within the past few weeks, a man is said to have entered the private office of Princess Alexandra at St James's Palace, and another to have got as far as the main door of Kensington Palace, both without being challenged.

A thorough review of security arrangements was ordered after Michael Fagan found his way into Buckingham Palace and entered the Queen's bedroom in July 1982. Since then a wide range of extra security measures have been installed at royal residences, but they have failed to prevent a number of incidents in which intruders have managed to get close to members of the royal family.



Quirk will spend about two years in the job

Bidders fight it out for Jesse James gun

BY LIN JENKINS

THE gun used to kill Jesse James, one of the most feared outlaws in America's Wild West, sold for £105,000 in Lewes, Sussex, yesterday, more than double its estimate. The hushed reverence of the Wallis and Wallis auction room was shattered with cries of "Ye ha!" and "Ya hoo!" as the bidding reached its climax for the .44 Smith and Wesson No 3 revolver.

Serious bidders were linked by telephone to the auction and the winner, a private collector named Mr Magee, was calling from the United States. The revolver, which bears the engraved side plate "Bob Ford killed Jesse James with this revolver at St Joseph's, Mo 1882", came up for sale in a turbulent manner in keeping with its history.

Rick Thompson, 57, a dealer who divides his time between Brighton and Florida, acquired it in a job lot. When news of its sale was broadcast, a Baltimore journalist pointed out that the gun had been stolen in 1968.

Roy Butler, auctioneer at the Lewes firm, said that this discovery had led to the weapon being fully authenticated. Documents which verify the gun's history were acquired from its previous owners, who had long since received an insurance payment for their loss.

James had the six-shooter when he abandoned his violent career to live quietly in Missouri with his family under the assumed name of Howard. But the price on his head was an attractive prospect to many of his friends.

Bob Ford and his brother arrived, apparently friendless and penniless, and James took pity on them, allowing them to live in his home. In an unguarded moment, he put the gun down, giving Ford the opporunity he needed to obtain the reward.



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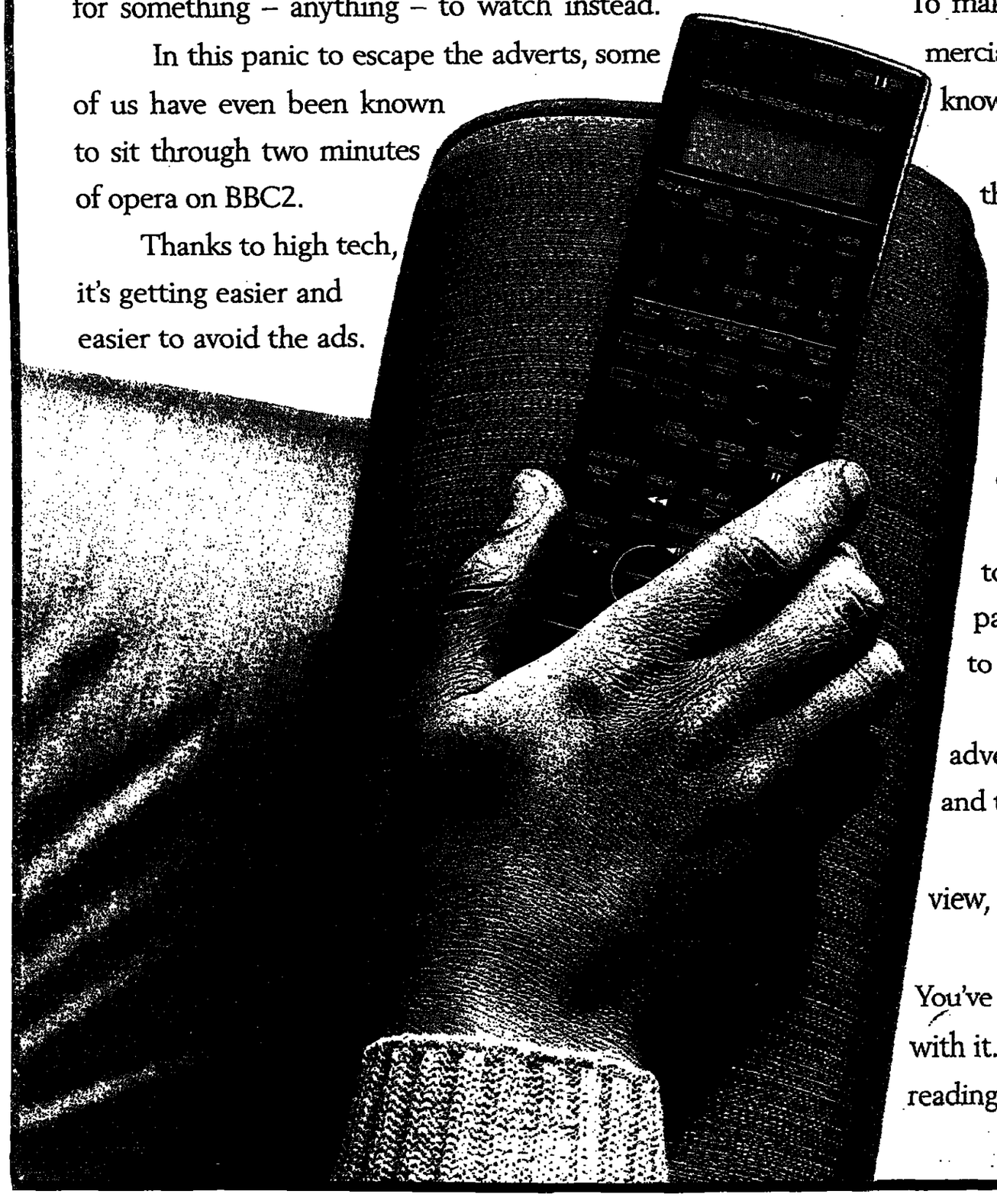
You know how it is. You're just settling in nicely to the big movie on TV when all of a sudden the hero freezes in mid-action. Oh no, it's the adverts again.

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Two ambitious designs are in line for development

Britain rejoins space race with revolutionary planes

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

■ A fleet of British-designed space planes could be cutting the journey from London to Sydney to an hour in the next ten years

THREE decades after Britain withdrew from space launcher research, the government is to back a European project to develop a space plane that will travel at up to five times the speed of sound through the atmosphere.

The Future European Space Transportation Investigations Programme (Festip) will research the best design for a space plane with the goal of launching one in the early 21st century. Two ambitious British designs are expected to be offered to the European Space Agency programme.

Skylon is a true space plane, able to take off from and return to a runway. It has been developed by Reaction Engines of Stanford in the Vale, Oxfordshire, and is a brainchild of the inventor Alan Bond. Interim Hotol is a more conservative craft from British Aerospace Space Systems in Stevenage, Hertfordshire. It is designed to be launched off the back of a Russian Antonov 225 cargo plane.

Interim Hotol is a development of the original Hotol project, which BAe was unable to develop in the 1980s after the defence ministry classified its revolutionary air-breathing engines. These were also designed by Mr Bond. Festip is due to make recommendations in 1995 about which plane should be built.

Officials at the British National Space Centre in London believe the British proposals are the most cost-effective, technologically sound and likely to succeed.

Unlike conventional space launchers, including the shuttle, Sklyons would be aloft without the need for expensive gantries, pads and vast numbers of ground crew staff.

Hopes are high that funds can be found from the European Commission under its huge Framework programme to develop one, and possibly two, of the planes for launch early next decade.

It opens up the possibility that a fleet of up to 40 British-designed space planes could be operating in about ten years' time, flying satellites into orbit and transporting cargo from London to Sydney in an hour, by taking advantage of the earth's rotation.

They could be built under a European consortium similar to Airbus Industries, which makes the A320 family of planes, or the one that built the Tornado fighter.

Airbus employs about 2,000 people, a large number of whom are in Bristol, with many thousands more working for suppliers.

Senior space industry sources yesterday disclosed that Edward Leigh, the trade and industry minister responsible for technology, is determined that Britain should not be left behind.

A contribution of possibly £3 million over the project's three-year life is expected from Britain which, sources say, should be enough for both designs to go forward in competition with German and French proposals.

Mr Bond, who first mooted Skylon two years ago, has been fighting to keep his project within Europe in the face of overtures from Japan. He claims to have cracked the costs and performance needed to make space planes as cheap and as reliable as conventional airliners.

Skylon is powered by two units called Synergetic Air-Breathing and Rocket Engines (Sabre) which hang at the ends of the wings.

The power packs can behave like aircraft engines, using oxygen in the air fed in through special vents, before becoming rockets, powered by a liquid oxygen/hydrogen fuel, for space flight.

Yesterday, Mr Bond said: "The original Hotol was not a failure, but it did have problems. We have put these right with Skylon," he said. For example, Skylon should be able to put a ten-tonne payload into orbit, considerably more than Hotol.

In comparision with the cost of a launch on a US shuttle, about £381 million, the costs of a Skylon launch could be as little as £3.81 million, Mr Bond estimates.

☐ The government abandoned its last space venture, the ill-fated Blue Streak project, in the 1960s.



Going boldly: the Skylon space plane, cheap to run

DENZIL McNEELANCE



First among equals: Kamlesh Bahl, selected from 80 applicants for the post

New EOC chairman appointed

BY KATE ALDERSON

KAMLESH Bahl was yesterday appointed the new chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission by Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary.

Ms Bahl, 36, a solicitor currently working for Data Logic Ltd, will take up the post in June, replacing Joanna Foster, who has chaired the Commission since 1988.

Mrs Shephard said: "Ms Bahl brings to the job valuable experience in the law and in strategic management, and I am confident she will provide strong and effective leadership."

Ms Bahl, born in Nairobi, Kenya, was selected from 80 applicants. She is the fourth woman to chair the Commission, established in 1975 to promote equal opportunities.

As a former employee of Texaco, Ms Bahl developed and implemented equal opportunities policies and was involved in developing anti-discrimination proposals for solicitors. Raised in Southgate, north London, she studied law at Birmingham and Dundee universities.

Amnesty campaigns in Ulster

BY EDWARD GORMAN
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AMNESTY International has instigated a letter writing campaign, directed at the IRA, in protest at the treatment of a Belfast family which has suffered 13 deaths at the hands of paramilitaries.

A spokeswoman said: "This is the first action in which we have asked our members to draw attention to the gross human rights abuses that have been conducted against civilians by paramilitaries in Northern Ireland."

The organisation is asking its members all over the world to write to Sinn Fein offices in Northern Ireland and the republic over the treatment of Damian McCartan, the latest casualty in his family.

Mr McCartan, 21, was shot three times in the legs in Belfast in March after he refused to hand over the keys of his taxi to IRA gunmen who wanted to use it on an assassination mission.

In a statement, Amnesty appealed to loyalist and rebulican paramilitaries to end the torture, maiming and killing of civilians.

The McCartan family, from the Roman Catholic Markets district, has had at least five members killed by loyalist gunmen, one by a stray IRA bullet and seven in mysterious circumstances.

Fire prank may end in eviction

BY PAUL WILKINSON

PARENTS of three children, aged six, seven and eight, who set fire to a neighbour's home as a prank, face eviction from their council houses and having to pay up to £20,000 compensation.

The three children were caught soon after the fire but, because they are under ten, the age of criminal responsibility, police could give them only a stiff lecture from a senior officer in front of their parents.

But Middlesbrough Borough Council, which owns the house, once home to Graham Paaske, 30, and his son Jonathan, eight, is considering further measures against the families.

Mike Clark, a council official, said: "We intend to pursue the matter. We understand the parents of these boys are council tenants. The council has a nuisance and harassment policy, which is written into all tenancy agreements." He said there were a wide range of options open to the council, from written warnings to eviction.

The council also intends to take court action to make the parents pay for the damage caused by their children, estimated at £20,000. Social services staff will discuss the case with police to consider whether the children need psychological counselling.

Branson asks Birt to trade wavelengths

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

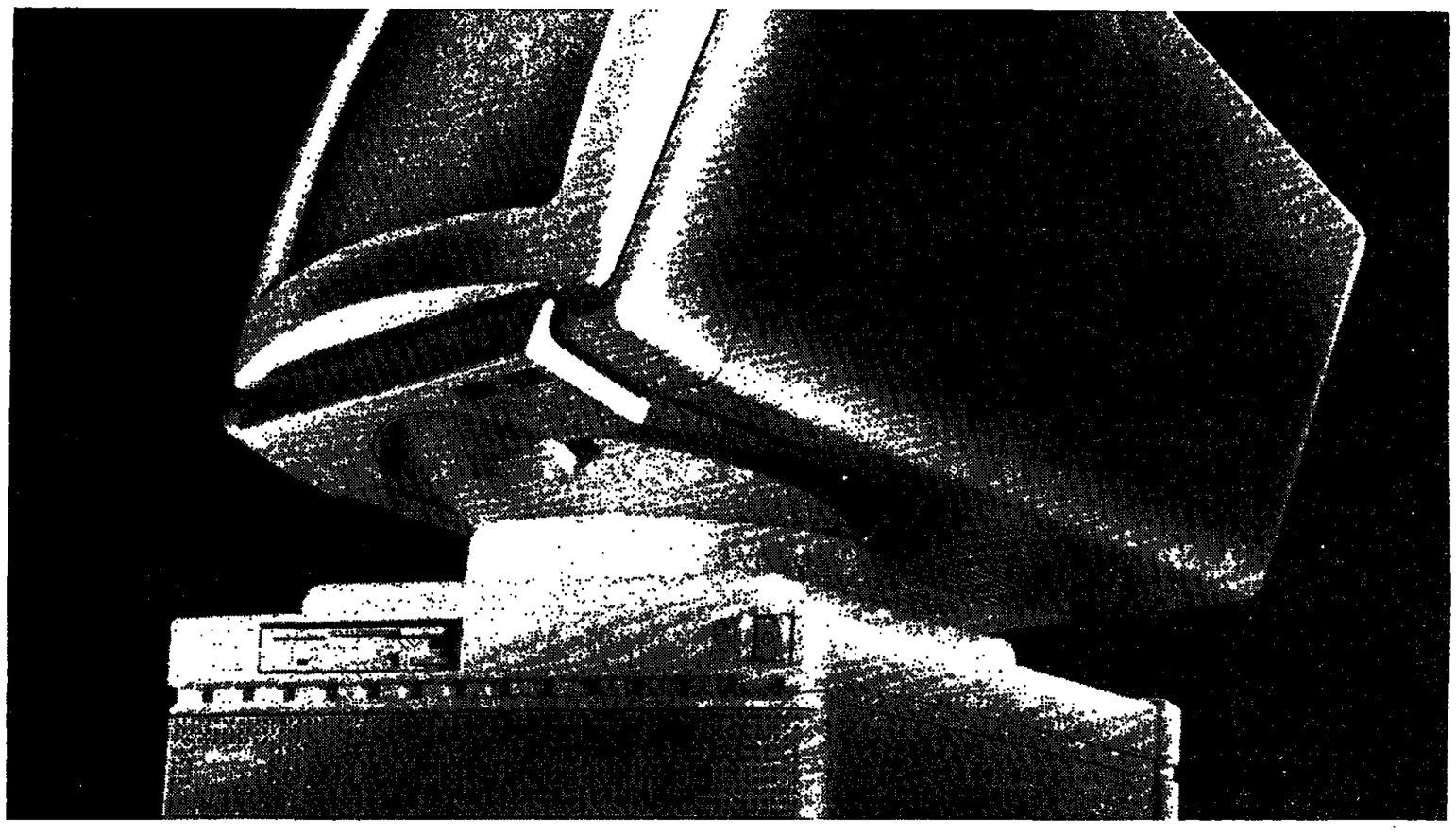
RICHARD Branson is to ask the BBC to swap Radio 4's FM frequency with the slot on the medium-wave band allotted to his new station, Virgin Radio.

Speaking at the launch of Britain's first 24-hour national commercial rock station, which officially goes on air tomorrow, the music and airline entrepreneur said he hoped to meet John Birt, the corporation's director general, in the next "two or three days" to discuss the deal, which "would be beneficial to both sides.

"It would extend Radio 4's audience reach because the medium-wave band reaches more parts of the country than FM. The benefit for us would be better reception for our listeners, who are used to hearing music on the high-quality sound produced by CDs," he said.

Mr Branson said that a straight swap of frequencies — Virgin Radio's 12.15 AM slot for Radio 4's 93.5 FM slot — would be a better option for him than buying Radio 1, which the government is considering selling to the private sector.

He said he would be prepared to seek the permission of Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, but believed that a direct approach to Mr Birt might be productive. "A deal could be done without any money changing hands," he said.



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Today's typical British home: two adults, no children and at least one divorce in the past

Marriage rate slumps as more choose single life

By Ian Murray

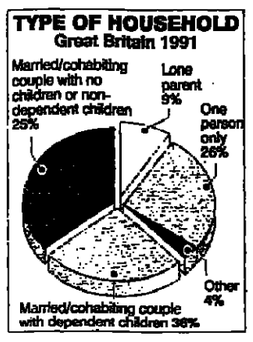
THE traditional British family — married with two children — is becoming increasingly rare, according to the latest *General Household Survey*. The most common domestic arrangement is a couple without children.

According to figures collected between April 1991 and March 1992, one couple out of every five living together is not married, one family in seven is headed by a lone parent and one family in 12 includes at least one stepchild.

Only a quarter of all households with children include both parents, and nearly a quarter of these couples are not married. There is a one-in-three chance of being divorced at least once.

Both sexes are increasingly resistant to marriage. Marriage rates among men have fallen by almost a third and among women by just over a quarter in the past decade.

Single, divorced or separated women are more prepared than men to cohabit. In 1979, only one in ten women was living with a partner, but that proportion has since more than doubled. Trial marriages are increasingly in vogue, with almost half of all women deciding to live with their future husband first, and four out of five divorced women refusing to embark on another marriage until they have lived for a while with their partner.



This phenomenon partly explains why one unmarried woman in four these days is living with a man and why fewer are getting married. In 1979, 75 per cent of women between 18 and 49 were married, and fewer than 20 per cent were spinsters. Nowadays only 60 per cent in this age group have exchanged vows, while 25 per cent have chosen to remain single. The percentage of divorced women has also doubled, from less than 5 per cent to nearly 10 per cent.

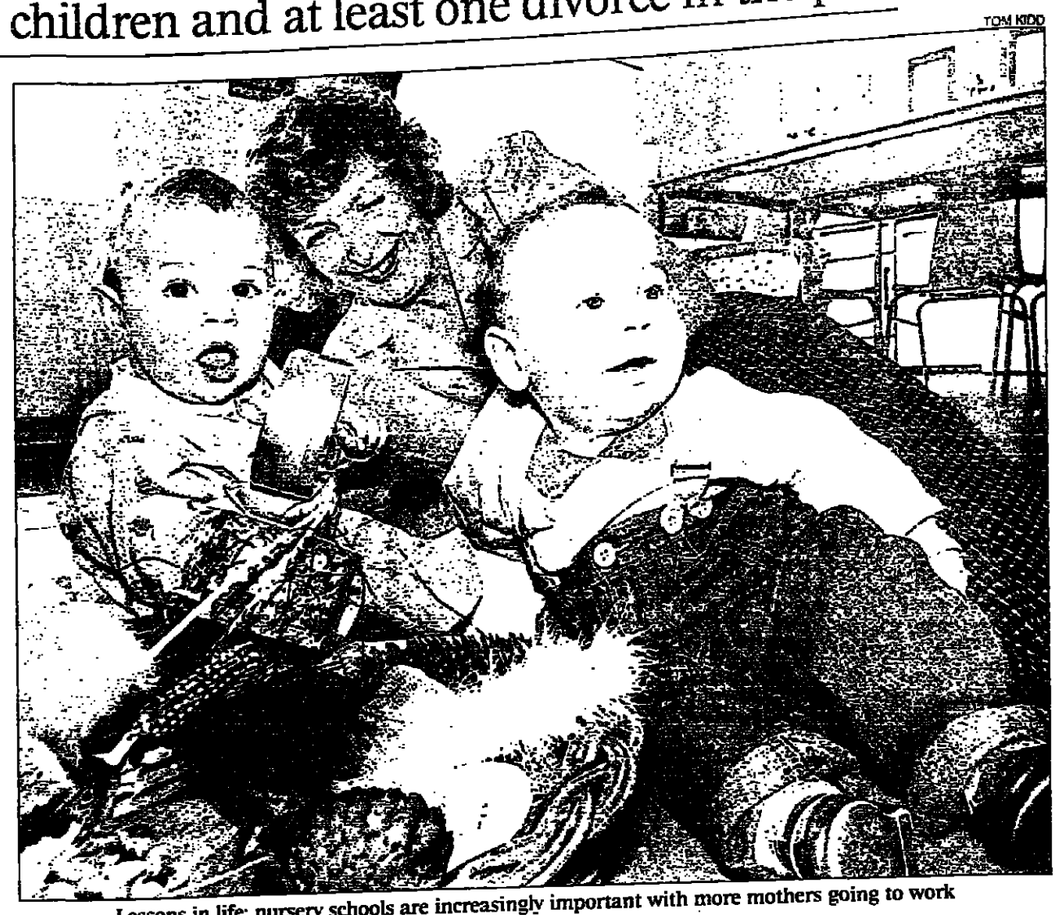
The falling marriage rate is mirrored by the growth in the number of one-parent households. Even though the birth rate appears to have stabilised over the decade at an average of 1.8 dependent children per family, the number of single parents has more than doubled since 1971 from one household in 12 to almost one in five.

Single parents are usually young: two out of three are under 30. Half of these are women under 25, who generally have few qualifications and less ability to find a job than married or cohabiting women. Nearly half of them have a gross weekly income of £100 a week or less.

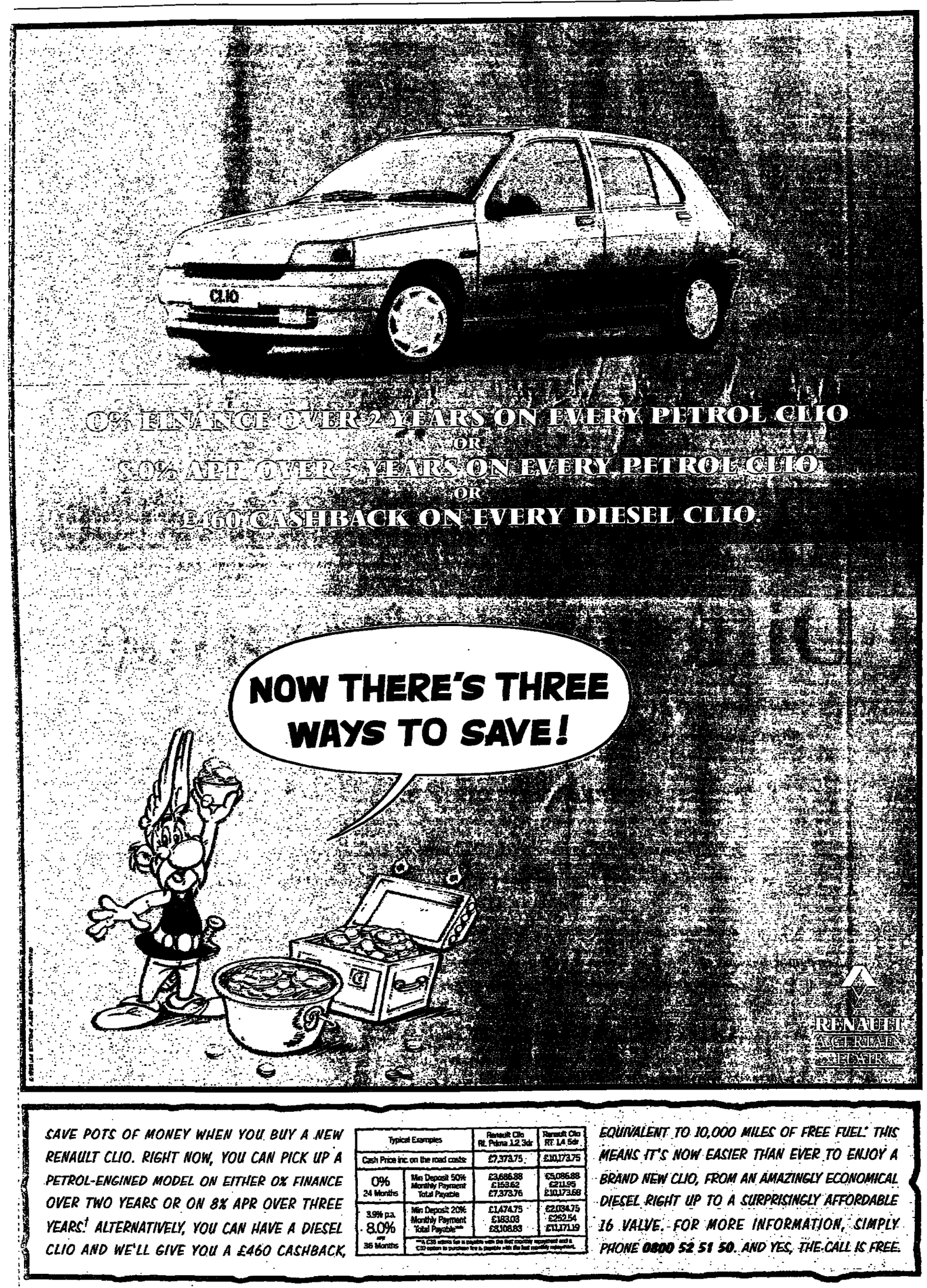
These trends have made a big impact on the housing market. Every thousand divorces results in the creation of 1,535 households, while the doubling of the number of single-parent households has doubled the need for small, low-cost housing.

The need for child care has also mushroomed. Two out of every three families with children under five use some kind of regular care, with nursery schools or unpaid family and friends being the most common.

Four out of five working mothers send their under-fives out to care and only one in a hundred was able to use a workplace crèche. Half of non-working mothers still use some kind of care for under-fives, with nursery school places usually costing no more than £11 a week on average, compared with around £30 for child minders or nannies.


TOM KIDD

Lessons in life: nursery schools are increasingly important with more mothers going to work



Couples ditch pill for sterilisation

By Ian Murray

MEN are taking increasing responsibility for preventing unwanted pregnancies, while sterilisation has overtaken the pill as Britain's favourite method of contraception, according to trends revealed in the *General Household Survey*.

When the annual survey began researching the subject in 1983, 28 per cent of women were on the pill and 22 per cent relied on one partner or the other being sterilised. By 1986, the number taking the pill had dropped to its present level of 23 per cent, while the number relying on sterilisation was 25 per cent. This increase was due exclusively to more men having vasectomies (up from 10 per cent to 13 per cent) since the number of women being sterilised has remained fairly constant at about 12 per cent.

Not surprisingly, the figures show that sterilisation is more popular among older couples who have had children and that only 1 per cent of single women chose to avoid pregnancy in this way. Sterilisation was also slightly more popular among manual workers. Women with no academic or work qualifications were more likely to choose this method than any other.

The use of condoms has also been growing over the decade, from 13 per cent to 16 per cent and is particularly popular in couples under 30, with the largest rise among boys in their late teens. The proportion of women whose partners used condoms was highest in the 35-44 age group. Eight per cent of women using contraception had changed to the condom over the previous two years compared with 4 per cent who had switched away from the condom to another method.

Those who use the pill tend to be younger women who expect to have a baby eventually. There is, however, a significant difference between the number of married women taking it (28 per cent) and the number of those who are cohabiting (59 per cent).

The figures suggest a slight increase in the number of women who want to have a baby. Although there was little change in the percentage of those using no contraceptive methods at all, the number who said that this was because they wanted to conceive grew since 1986 from 7 per cent to 9 per cent.

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Women on the pill
Percentage of women who used the pill

Age	1983	1986	1989	1991
16-17		20	19	16
18-19	43	42	38	46
20-24	51	55	48	48
25-29	45	38	35	42
30-34	23	21	22	25
35-39	10	8	12	11
40-44	4	4	4	4
45-49		1	3	2
16-49	28	23	22	23

Men who use condoms
Percentage of women whose partners use the condom

Age	1983	1986	1989	1991
16-17		6	6	10
18-19	5	6	12	15
20-24	7	9	14	14
25-29	14	13	17	19
30-34	15	15	19	17
40-44	16	14	16	13
45-49		16	15	12
16-49	13	13	15	16

☐ The *General Household Survey 1991* is the 20th annual survey prepared by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys based on interviews with a sample of the general population living in private households. A total of 19,039 people living in 9,995 households throughout the country were interviewed between April 1991, and March 1992, to complete the latest survey. Available from the Stationery Office or booksellers at £20.70.

CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Nigel Short's victory in the Candidates Semi-final match against ex-World Champion Anatoly Karpov, was an important stepping stone on his route to the forthcoming world final against Garry Kasparov.

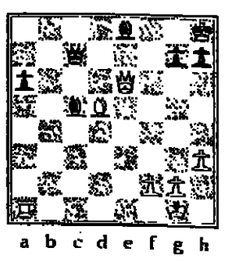
Today's game was a crucial victory from that match. Despite the mind-boggling complications, Nigel played all his moves in only one hour!

White: Nigel Short
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Candidates Semi-Final, Linares 1992

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Qe2	b5
7	Bb3	0-0
8	c3	d6
9	d4	Bg4
10	Rd1	exd4
11	cxd4	d5
12	e5	Ne4
13	a4	bxa4
14	Bxa4	Nb4
15	h3	Bh5
16	Nc3	Bg6
17	Be3	Rb8
18	Na2	c5
19	dxc5	Nxc5
20	Nxb4	Rxb4
21	Bc6	Qb6
22	Bxd5	Rxb2
23	Qc4	Rc2
24	Qg4	Qc7
25	Nd4	Rc3
26	Nc6	Re8
27	Bd4	Rc2
28	Nb4	Rd8
29	Nxc2	Bxc2
30	e6	Bf6
31	exf7+	Kh8
32	Re1	Bg6
33	Re8	Rxe8
34	fxe8Q	Bxe8
35	Bxc5	Bxc5
36	Qe6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position




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Class and sex still decide who goes to university

BY IAN MURRAY

DESPITE John Major's dream of a classless Britain, there is little indication in the *General Household Survey* that many children break free from family background to obtain better education.

The findings point to the conclusion that the system is self-perpetuating, since they also show that the better qualified a person is, the more likely he or she is to be working.

Although the number of youngsters obtaining qualifications is growing rapidly, the statistics show that a child's socio-economic background is still the most important factor in deciding who obtains the best higher education. They also show that boys are more likely to get a university place, even though girls tend to get better A-level results.

The son of a professional man is even more likely to go to university than one from the same background 30 years ago (33 per cent now, 29 per cent then).

Daughters from this class stand a better chance than in the past (22 per cent going to university today, compared with 15 per cent 30 years ago) but the numbers are still well below those for sons.

Only 4 per cent of the sons of unskilled labourers go to university. At the end of the fifties the number achieving this was too small to register, but the rise in 30 years is not striking. No girls from this class manage to win university places, today as yesterday. The picture of little change is the same across the social structure. Thirty years ago 15 per cent of employers' sons went to university, compared with 14 per cent today. Skilled workers managed to send 4 per cent of their sons, compared with 3 per cent now.

The hope lies in the number of youngsters acquiring recognised skills. Whereas almost two out of three people in their sixties have no qualification, over four out of five of those in their thirties have passed an examination. The trend is improving slowly, with the proportion of those continuing education after the school-leaving age of 16 rising from 13 to 23 per cent over the past 16 years. Of the total workforce, two out of three men and only a slightly lower proportion of women have a qualification.

This progress is almost imperceptibly leading to more joining the upper grades. The proportion of those in the professional category grew from 3 per cent in 1975 to 6 per cent in 1991. There are now 21 per cent classified as employers, compared with 16 per cent in 1975. The number of semi-skilled has fallen from 17 to 14 per cent of the working population and the proportion of unskilled from 7 to 6 per cent.

The process of breaking down the class barriers is nevertheless slow. According to the survey, "men and women whose fathers belonged to non-manual socio-economic groups have consistently formed a higher proportion of those gaining higher qualifications than would be expected ... while those from a manual background were over-represented among the unqualified."

The crucial importance of having a qualification is underlined by a table showing unemployment levels in 1991, before the recession grew to its worst levels.

While more than 90 per cent of those with degrees have a job at all age levels up to 59, unemployment among those with no qualifications is never lower than 20 per cent and reaches 37 per cent among teenagers.

☐ While the old divides remain in so many areas of life, unemployment has affected all classes equally since Mr Major came to power. The survey found that as the recession began to bite between 1990 and 1991, people from every social group suffered, and those ranging from unskilled manual workers to professionals lost their jobs.

In 1990, just over 1 per cent of professionals were unemployed but by 1991 this was just under 3 per cent. The rise was not quite so sharp among unskilled manual workers, but their unemployment level rose from just over 12 per cent to about 16 per cent.

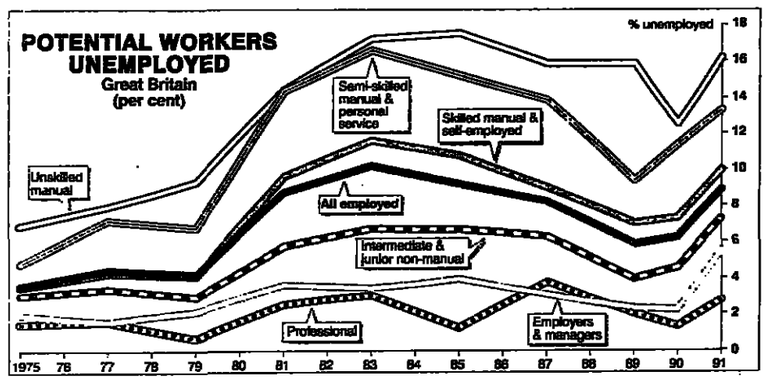
In more prosperous times, the middle classes fare much better in the job market. Unemployment among professionals and managers is always well below 5 per cent, compared with semi-skilled and unskilled workers where an average of more than 10 per cent are unemployed even in boom years.

EDUCATION LAST ATTENDED FULL-TIME

Father's socio-economic group:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Total
School:								
Men	41	63	53	69	84	87	92	76
Women	35	56	61	67	81	87	91	73
Total	38	59	52	68	83	87	92	75
College:								
Men	18	16	20	15	9	8	5	11
Women	41	30	33	26	14	10	6	19
Total	30	23	27	20	12	9	6	15
Polytechnic:								
Men	11	6	8	5	3	3	2	4
Women	6	5	8	3	2	1	1	3
Total	8	5	7	4	3	2	1	4
University:								
Women	29	15	19	10	4	3	1	8
Total	18	9	9	5	2	1	0	5
	24	12	14	7	3	2	1	6
Bases=100%								
Men	493	1883	536	468	4388	1485	594	9847
Women	498	2087	606	474	4473	1571	622	10331
Total	991	4070	1142	942	8861	3056	1216	20278

A Professional, B Employer non-manual, C Intermediate non-manual, D Junior non-manual, E Skilled manual and self-employed non-professional, F Semi-skilled manual and personal service, G Unskilled manual





CHRIS HARRIS

Bridging the gap: the number of people with false teeth has fallen by a third, from 26 per cent in 1983 to 17 per cent in 1991, the survey found. However, the north-south divide and class differences extended to the nation's teeth (Nicholas Watt writes). In northern England in 1991, 24 per cent of people had false teeth, compared with 12 per cent in the South West. Unskilled manual workers were also more likely to have false teeth than professionals. Just two per cent of professionals aged between 45 and 54 had false teeth compared with 26 per cent of unskilled manual workers. Figures for over 75-year-olds were 32 per cent for professionals and 81 per cent for unskilled manual workers. The survey also found that acute and chronic illnesses had dropped in the last decade and fewer people visited GPs as doctors turned to ancillary staff for some routine work. The proportion of people having eye tests fell from 29 per cent in 1987 to 27 per cent, after the government withdrew universal free tests in 1989.

Enquiry calls for rethink on third age

BY JAMES LANDALE

THE idea of full-time retirement is no longer appropriate, a conference to discuss the Carnegie enquiry into "third agers" — people aged between 50 and 74 — was told yesterday.

Sir Kenneth Stowe, life trustee of the Carnegie UK Trust and chairman of the three-year enquiry, called for a radical change in the way retirement is viewed after the report concluded that people can now expect up to 30 years of full, active life after they stop work.

Sir Kenneth told the two-day conference in London: "It is not impossible to rethink basic issues on retirement that we have been living with for half a century."

The enquiry found that there were 14 million "third agers", almost a quarter of the population, and that their number was expected to increase to 19 million by 2021. It argued that the more "third agers" contributed to society, the less of a burden they would be during their "fourth age".

The report recommended that pensions policies should be changed, age discrimination in employment should be stamped out and there should be better training and education for older workers.

Sir Donald Acheson, former government chief medical officer, said the report might prove to be the most important social policy document since the war.

The idea of full-time retirement was a relatively new concept but was no longer suitable for society today. "People are living longer, more men are retiring before pension age, families are smaller and kids are getting off their parents' hands earlier," he said. "Full-time retirement is no longer appropriate."



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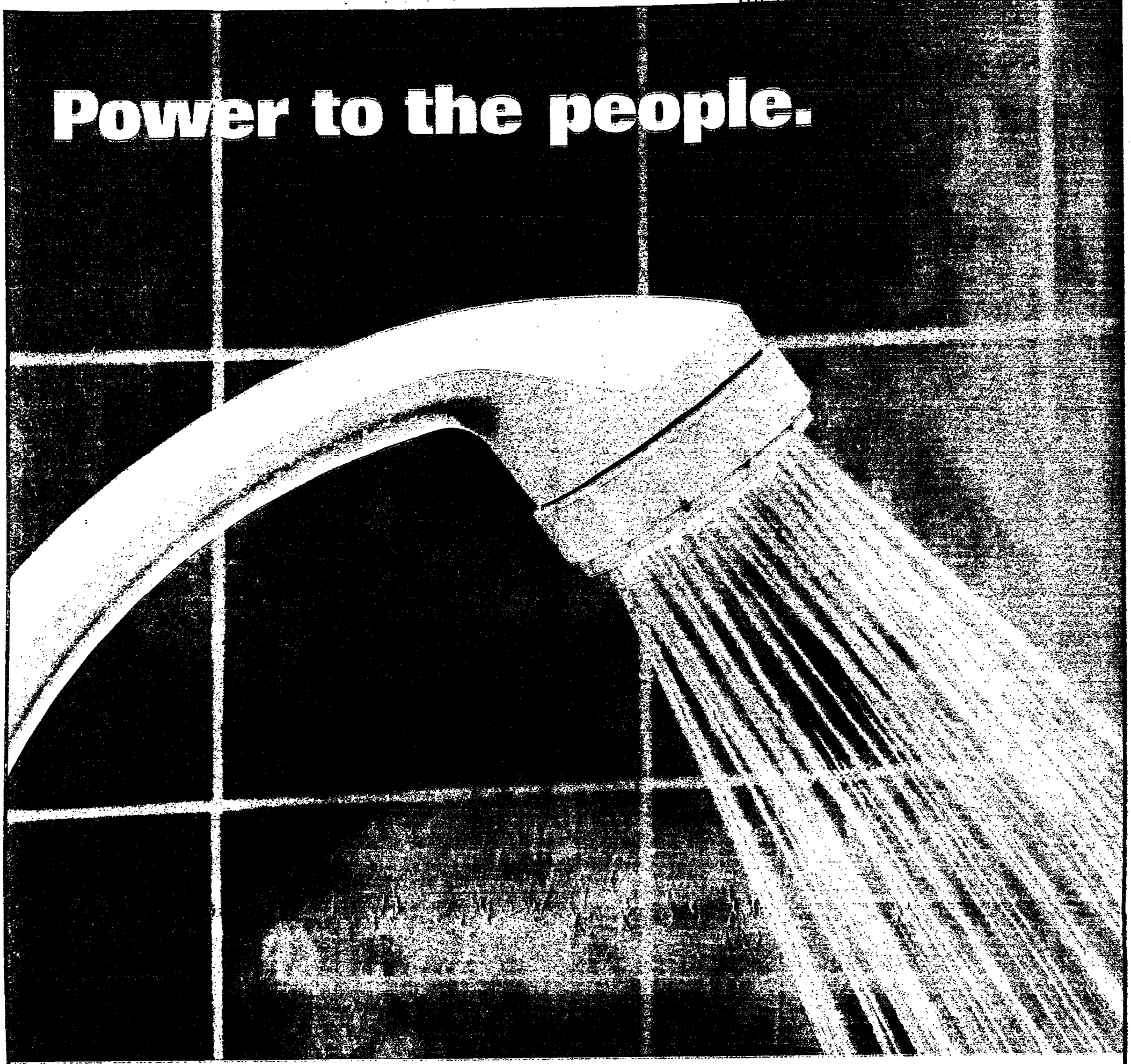
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Minister hails brake on the rise in reported offences

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

REPORTED burglaries rose by 20 per cent in ten shire counties last year, a trend blamed on better communications and criminals looking for softer targets as city crime prevention improves. Recorded crime throughout England and Wales rose by 6 per cent compared with 16 per cent in the previous year, according to figures published yesterday.

The number of offences rose by 318,000 to 5.6 million. Robberies increased by 17 per cent to 53,000, many of them muggings. The Home Office figures show 5.3 million offences against property and 284,000 crimes against the person, sexual offences and robbery. Burglaries increased by 136,000 to 1.3 million, with those in the home rising from 624,000 to 708,000.

But there is less risk of being the victim of an assault or threat in the United Kingdom than in many other countries, including New Zealand, the United States, Australia, Poland and The Netherlands, according to a study of crime victims in the industrialised world.

As ministers hailed the decline in the overall rate of increase, the Home Office gave a warning that there could be an upturn this year. In the last three months of 1992, the rate started to climb.

Referring to the increase in burglaries and car crime in many rural areas, Michael Jack, a junior Home Office minister, said: "I suspect that as more crime prevention has started to have its effect in metropolitan areas, people may well have looked for so-called soft targets outside.

"We have to recognise that criminals are more mobile than ever before. Perhaps one of the reasons for [the increase] is that we have at last had some improvements in our road system." It was also easier in cities to focus on particular areas to combat crime.

Burglaries increased in all but three forces, with rises of more than 20 per cent in Avon and Somerset, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Gloucestershire, Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire. Some criminologists have suggested that the crime rise in shire counties is due to the development of a rural underclass. Others argue that some of the counties, such as Cheshire, contain significant parts of the Greater Manchester conurbation and that towns are spreading.

The rate of increase in recorded crime in metropolitan areas fell from 13.3 to 3.2 per cent between 1991 and 1992 and from 18.7 to 8.4 per cent in non-metropolitan areas.

Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, said: "This still means there are hundreds of thousands more crimes being committed and that crime is now affecting every town and village and city in our country. It is not just an inner-city phenomenon."

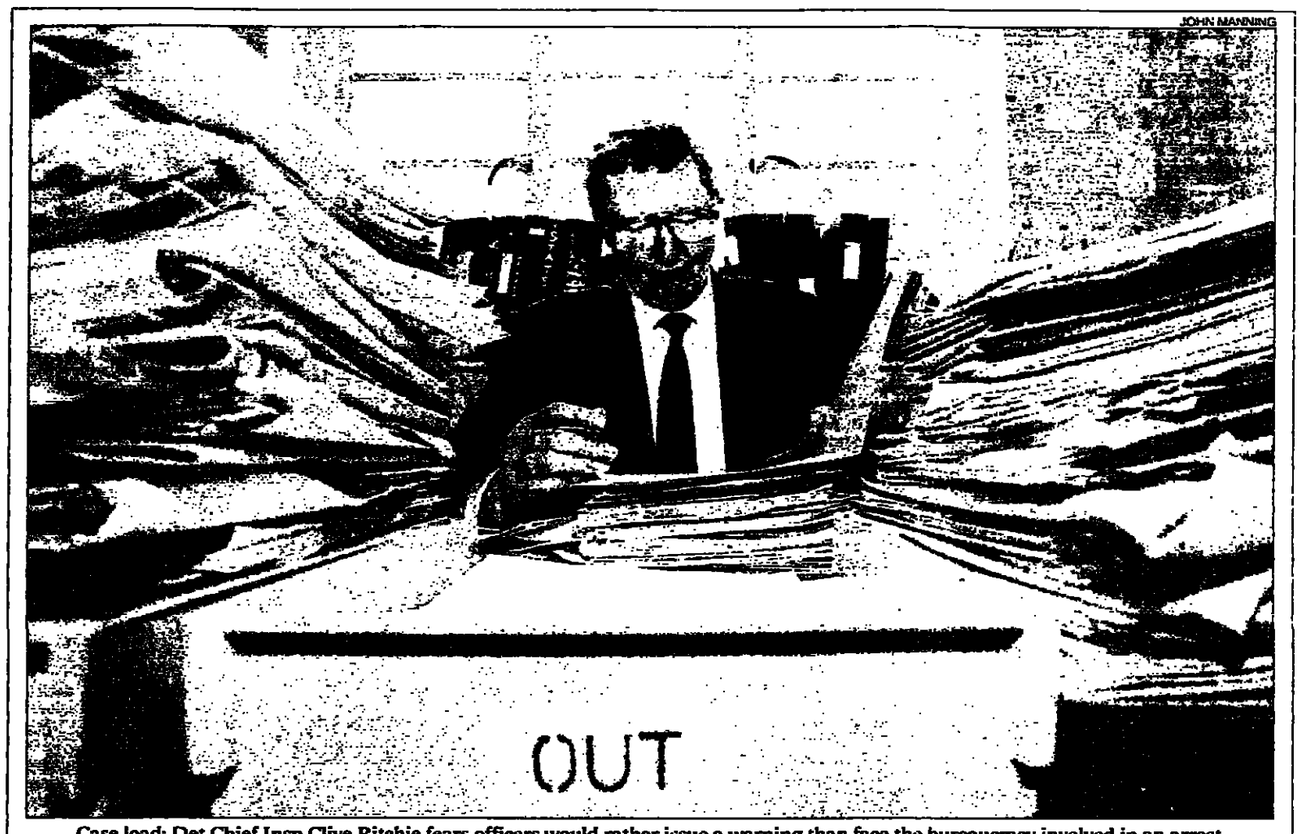
Violent crime rose by 7 per cent and over half of recorded offences were vehicle crimes. The rise in auto crime was 3 per cent, compared with a rise of 18 per cent in 1991.

Sexual offences increased by 0.4 per cent to 29,500 and recorded offences of rape by 100 to 4,100, a 2 per cent increase compared with 19 per cent rise in 1991. Recorded offences of buggery increased by 11 per cent to 1,250. Unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 13 fell by 19.7 per cent to 253 cases and with a girl under 16 by 19.8 per cent to 1,563.

The police clear-up rate fell by 6 per cent. Forces such as Cumbria, Cleveland, Durham, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Norfolk and Suffolk had clear-up rates of 30 per cent or more but the Metropolitan police had 16 per cent, Northumbria 17, Thames Valley 19 and Devon and Cornwall 18.

John Hoddinott, secretary of the Association of Chief Police Officers' crime committee, said last night that there were encouraging signs that the rate of increase in crime was slowing down. He called for greater support from the public and praised prevention initiatives by councils and police forces.

Country crime, page 1



Case load: Det Chief Insp Clive Ritchie fears officers would rather issue a warning than face the bureaucracy involved in an arrest

Detectives swim against a tide of paperwork

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE POLICEMAN

DETECTIVES are fast becoming clerks instead of police officers, according to Chief Insp Clive Ritchie, head of Chelsea CID in London. Brandishing a thick file, he said: "Here is a simple assault with 135 different documents which had to be filled in." Another case he pulled out had 53 forms.

Mr Ritchie and other officers put part of the blame for continuing low arrest and clear-up rates on a sea of paperwork engulfing police stations. Paul Condon, commissioner of the Metropolitan police, recently told MPs that he would not be surprised if officers round Britain cautioned or warned suspects rather than facing the paperwork that followed an arrest.

Mr Ritchie agreed. "If someone makes an arrest, you strike him off for the rest of the day. It will make officers ask themselves whether it is worth making an arrest."

When a suspect is taken into a station, police have to complete at least 16 forms or entries before starting questioning. These include details of any search on the street; a log of what happened; three forms on property found on him; the suspect's physical description; a log of the arrest for station records; entries in the station crime book and custody records; applications for fingerprints, photographs, specimens and any criminal record; a bail application form; details of any car, and a form to draw a recording tape for interviews.

The suspect is read his rights and signs a form afterwards. Exhibits are labelled individually. If his home is to be searched, three forms are needed for a warrant. Another form is completed after the search.

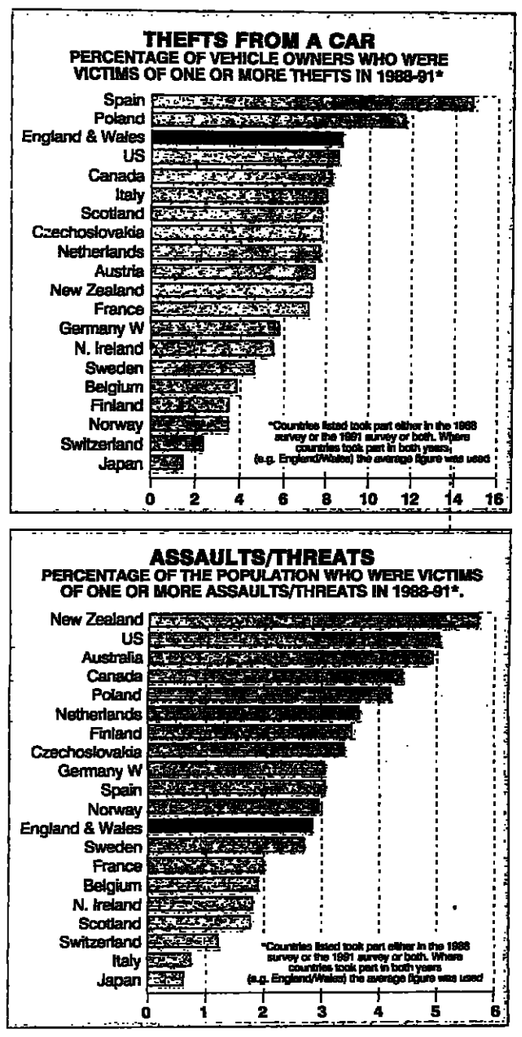
Once the questioning is carried out and charges are made, further forms must be completed. Each tape has to be transcribed by the officer, typed and checked.

Up to 20 different types of form may be required by the Crown Prosecution Service. These include a summary of evidence; witness statements; availability of witnesses; details of previous convictions for the defendant and witnesses; update of the witness list; a copy of the charge and original statements, and a precis of the taped interview.

The results are piled up near Mr Ritchie's office. Cases for 1993 are over 4ft high and growing. Three clerks handle 1,000 pieces of casework paper each week and other clerks deal with taped interviews.

Mr Ritchie and his officers agree that better paperwork is needed for more successful prosecutions, but they question a system reliant on typewriters and pens which also demands duplication — paperwork which would be handled by a computer in the commercial world.

He accepts that many of the forms and much of the bureaucracy are the result of flawed police performance. But he says that the time has come to "stop adapting existing schemes. We keep bolting things on."



Tenants tackle fear of crime

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE VICTIM

THE concrete stairway leading to Joseph Dowling's flat in the Stockwell Park Estate is dark and smells of urine. As he unlocks the door, the wind blows out through his lounge window, smashed by burglars a few days ago.

A small strip of chipboard stands against the gaping space which, he has been told, will "have to make do" until new windows can be fitted. The kitchen cupboards are full of cockroaches, the walls covered in damp and, he says, people urinate from above on to his balcony. Mr Dowling, 45, a former teacher, has been burgled seven times in the last eight years and mugged once.

"It's depressing, living here. I've had a nervous breakdown and am being treated for depression, but there's nowhere else to go."

Mr Dowling's experiences are typical of the thousands of people who live in the 900 flats on the south London estate, which forced the tenants' association to take action into their own hands.

Under the chairmanship of Julie Fawcett, the association supervised improvements costing £3.5 million under the Estates Action programme, a government-sponsored initiative to improve and regenerate housing estates.

In the deck-access concrete estate, typical of those built in the 1960s and 1970s, dark walkways have been pulled down, gardens and new security systems have been given to 200 of the 1,000 properties and other facilities have been provided, including a playground and car park.

"We still have burglaries, although crime dropped last year, and we still have a drugs problem, but our quality of life has improved beyond all recognition," Mrs Fawcett said.

She pointed out dingy stairwells and windswept walkways yet to be refurbished. "At night it is dark, depressing and very dangerous. This sort of design fault is the curse of the residents. The fear of crime is terrible and that is what we are trying to change."

The tenants have voted to set up their own estate management board to administer £40 million for further improvements, which Lambeth council is bidding for from government funds.

Tony Baldry, the housing minister, speaking yesterday at the first national conference on housing estate crime, held on the Stockwell estate, praised the tenants' work. He said: "You cannot stop crime on estates just by adopting single measures. The most successful initiatives are those which combine a number of measures and include local people."

Insp Jeremy Savill, who manages the policing of the estate, denied that changes to the estate were cosmetic. "We work with the community and that's important. The crime rate has gone down, but there are periodic problems which have made this estate notorious."

TOTAL NOTIFIED OFFENCES

Total offences recorded by police throughout England and Wales in 1992 (5.6 million). Reporting of offences is influenced by such factors as availability of telephones, requirements of the insurance industry and greater police sympathy towards victims of rape and domestic violence.

	1981 Recorded Offences	1992 Recorded Offences	Nos change	% change
Avon and Somerset	153,770	175,440	21,634	14.1
Bedfordshire	57,121	59,436	2,315	4.1
Cambridgeshire	58,197	66,369	8,172	14.1
Cheshire	66,226	79,491	13,183	19.9
City of London	7,575	6,768	-807	-10.7
Cleveland	78,053	84,312	6,259	8.0
Cumbria	45,088	45,336	248	0.6
Derbyshire	75,636	88,449	12,813	16.9
Devon and Cornwall	108,208	114,675	6,467	6.0
Dorset	51,552	52,238	686	1.3
Durham	65,218	67,315	2,097	3.2
Dyfed Powys	25,907	28,539	2,568	9.9
Essex	108,427	115,062	6,635	6.1
Gloucestershire	55,980	60,601	4,621	8.3
Greater Manchester	380,909	395,195	14,386	3.8
Gwent	38,673	40,961	2,288	5.9
Hampshire	143,904	153,256	9,352	6.5
Hertfordshire	55,573	59,129	3,556	6.4
Humberside	118,830	128,743	9,813	8.3
Kent	138,435	159,881	21,445	15.5
Lancashire	122,474	132,138	9,664	7.9
Leicestershire	89,754	97,468	7,714	8.6
Lincolnshire	44,860	49,306	4,446	9.9
Merseyside	148,835	149,472	637	0.6
Metropolitan	926,203	942,878	16,675	1.8
Norfolk	64,115	66,996	2,881	4.5
Northamptonshire	58,470	59,550	1,080	1.9
Northumbria	226,193	224,442	-1,751	-0.8
North Wales	44,418	49,204	4,786	10.8
North Yorkshire	51,471	54,816	3,345	6.5
Nottinghamshire	150,551	164,417	13,866	9.2
South Wales	161,877	168,554	6,677	4.1
South Yorkshire	125,559	137,336	11,777	9.4
Staffordshire	86,265	100,333	14,048	16.3
Suffolk	39,924	44,721	4,797	12.0
Surrey	50,083	53,468	3,385	6.8
Sussex	112,203	119,364	7,161	6.4
Thames Valley	187,185	197,799	10,614	5.7
Warwickshire	40,474	44,998	4,522	11.2
West Mercia	74,188	79,175	4,787	6.7
West Midlands	302,884	329,260	26,376	8.7
West Yorkshire	295,479	305,294	9,795	3.3
Wiltshire	39,321	42,229	2,908	7.4
Total MET FORCES	2,413,517	2,490,815	77,298	3.2
Total NON—MET	2,862,656	3,103,701	241,045	8.4
Total	5,276,173	5,594,516	318,343	6.0

School expulsion put boy on wrong road

BY STEWART TENDLER

THE OFFENDER

AT THE age of 19, Nick is the stuff of which crime figures are made. Males in their teens and early 20s are the single largest group of offenders and two of the 5.6 million offences recorded last year were his.

Now serving two-and-a-half years in Feltham young offenders' institution, Nick has about 40 convictions in a life of crime that began when he was 14. The list includes taking and driving away cars, shoplifting, burglary, drink-driving (he currently has a three-year disqualification), two assaults and grievous bodily harm.

He was sent last year to Feltham, west London, after being convicted of two burglaries. In one, property valued at more than £3,000 was stolen and in the second he tried to wheel away a trolley full of lager worth £250 from a superstore to celebrate his birthday. "The judge said I was a disgrace," he said. He had already served four months for GBH and been in and out of prison on remand.

Expelled from one school at 13, he drifted into trouble. His parents tried to punish him by keeping him indoors but he climbed out at night. Nick said he got into crime partly to fund drink and drugs, and because of his peer group. "I used to hang around with a group of about 30. We all did crime because everyone else was doing it."

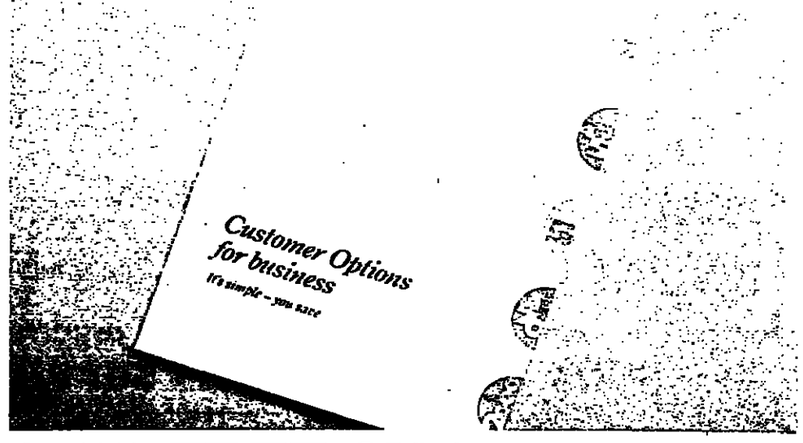
Staff at Feltham believe Nick may be one of their successes. He recently returned from a sailing trip in the Channel and was looking forward to home leave.

Nick feels the prison regime treats him like a child. He believes a tough prison regime would act as a deterrent to young offenders but also acknowledged that prisons were quite often simply colleges for crime.

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Major attempts to shelve reforms

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ After the trauma of the Maastricht bill, the prime minister is keen to cut down on Parliament's legislative load

JOHN Major will urge cabinet colleagues today to accept delays to many of their legislative plans in an attempt to limit the number of bills introduced in the next session.

When the cabinet discusses the main candidates for the next Queen's Speech, pencilled in for November, the prime minister will make clear his determination to lighten the legislative workload.

With support from Tony Newton, the Commons Leader, Mr Major is expected to argue that, with a majority of only 20, the government must restrict the amount of legislation introduced to ensure a more orderly progress through Parliament. But if he succeeds in persuading colleagues to shelve treasured reforms, some departments could be left with virtually no legislation to introduce within the next 18 months.

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, is understood to be prepared to delay legislating to privatise the Royal Mail. Instead privatisation of British Coal looks certain to top his list together with a deregulation bill to reduce red tape.

Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, is likely to win support for a big criminal justice bill next session, which would enact his proposals for dealing with persistent young offenders. He is also committed to introducing a draft bill before the summer recess on Sunday shop hours.

A study by London Economics, commissioned by the Home Office, on the financial impact of the options will be published next week. In addition Ray Powell's Sunday trading bill is due to be debated in the Commons again on May 14.

Michael Howard's shopping list at the environment department is headed by a green bill, to establish an Environmental Protection Agency and protect hedgerows. He is also drafting a bill to give greater independence to the authorities running national parks.

Mr Major has promised legislation to prevent New Age travellers setting up on private land, which is likely to be introduced by Mr Howard rather than Mr Clarke.

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, will publish a green paper soon on the future financing of roads, including plans for tolls on existing roads and road pricing, although legislation is not expected in the next session. He expects approval today to bring in a bill for deregulating London bus services.

Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, is understood to have accepted a delay to legislation equalising the age of eligibility for the state retirement pension for both sexes at 65. A white paper is expected to be published within the next month.

A big bill, covering the pension age and better protection for occupational pension schemes following the Goode report, is likely to come in later in the parliament.

Legislation from John Patten, the education secretary, to end the National Union of Students' closed shop and reform the teacher training system could also be delayed.

Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, is handling the future of the BBC and Sir David Calcutt's report calling for statutory controls on the press. The consultation period for the green paper on the BBC ends tomorrow and the white paper is not expected until January, virtually ruling out legislation in the next session. He will publish a white paper on the press before the summer recess. Although he is not keen to legislate on the lines of the Calcutt report, a bill could be introduced next session to restrict bugging and the use of telephoto lenses.



Witness: Donald Dewar watches bemused as Julian Davidson loses his thread

Candidate robbed of his crime alibi

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JULIAN Davidson, the Tory candidate in the Newbury by-election, was looking overcoached yesterday as he sought to fend off some awkward questions about rising crime in the shires.

"Crime, as we know, is an international problem," Mr Davidson said, conjuring up the unlikely picture of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in thrall to the mafia.

But the Tory candidate, defending a 12,000 majority vulnerable to a Liberal Democrat surge, could be forgiven his lapse. The opening assault at his morning press conference had become bogged down in wrangling over responsibility for the recession. A worldwide problem, says the Central Office manual for candidates. Mr Davidson was simply trying out his much-practised hook shot on a full toss.

The result did little to impress Donald Dewar, the latest Labour frontbencher to be dispatched in defence of a lost cause. "It's getting a bit confused. I thought the international conspiracy explained the economic problem. But I suppose if you've got a good alibi you want to use it several times."

Confusion also surrounded Mr Davidson's daily bulletin on the state of the local economy. Last week, with the Chancellor in tow, the fabled green shoots had become green branches. But overnight there had been a sudden frost. Now the recovery was fragile, young and in need of careful nurturing.

The source of his confusion was the Institute of Directors, which had been ungracious enough to insist that the recession had ended despite the government's economic policies. The institute was pontificating about Britain's exit from the ERM with the benefit of hindsight. Mr Davidson said equally unkindly. Asked to show some foresight, he said there was at the moment "no way we could rejoin the ERM".

That was not the view of David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat candidate. All the local businessmen, himself included, thought that eventually we would have to go back into the currency grid.

Mr Rendel was surprised to hear that Newbury was in the grip of an international crimewave. But Steve Billcliffe, the Labour candidate, had seen it coming. Silver's, a gentlemen's outfitters in the town, had just succumbed to ram-raiders. The police are presumably seeking a foreigner in tweeds.

□ 1992 general election:
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Election ding-dong for Avon's ladies

BY JONATHAN PRYNN



BY ANY standards Avon is an odd county. Centered on the regional capital of Bristol, its hard inner-city core rests uneasily on a soft slab of West Country rural England. Apart from Bristol, the only big towns are Bath and Weston-super-Mare, neither exactly urban waste-lands.

County hall lore has it that the county was created by the Conservative government to swamp the municipal socialism of Bristol with loyal Tory votes from its outlying towns and villages. If so, the strategy has failed, with Labour forming the biggest group on the council since its formation in 1974. Hence — according to Valerie Davey, the Labour leader — Avon's position near the top of Michael Howard's abolition hit list.

Avon's artificial geography is reflected in its unusual politics. For a start the three parties in the county are all headed by women, a rare occurrence. Labour dominates the Bristol wards and is portrayed by the Tories as running a loony left council. In the Tory country wards, rural issues dominate.

Both main parties are talking down the importance of the future of Avon, which commands little affection among its million-strong population. For Labour, the argument is pragmatic and not ideological. The county makes a "sensible" travel-to-work area for administrative purposes and the £30 million to £40 million cost of reorganisation would more than outweigh the benefits. It is also, of course, run by Labour, supported by a small Liberal Democrat group. If column inches in Bristol's evening newspaper are anything to go by, the fate of the city's two struggling football teams occupies far more minds than the county's future.

For the Conservatives, dividing the county up into a number of unitary district authorities, the option apparently favoured by local government commissioners, would free swathes of the county from the Lab-Lib writ. The ebullient Tory leader, Maureen Wheadon, claims Labour and the Liberal Democrat are trying to make it more difficult for the government to abolish Avon by tying contractors into long-term deals with the county. "The successor authorities should be able to make their own decisions," she says. Indications are that Avon will not survive beyond 1996.

Avon is feeling the pinch of swingeing cuts in its budget as a result of its Whitehall spending limit, set this year at £566 million. It suffers from a high-spending past, and has been forced to live with cuts of up to £30 million a year for each of the past four years. The cuts this year are the biggest yet at £37.5 million, spread across all areas except the politically dangerous schools budget. About 360 council jobs are to go. Even pay dates are being put back, at the rate of a day a month, so that the county treasurer can milk every last penny of interest.

The Conservatives have been able to dodge the political fall-out from the cuts by withdrawing from chairing committees two years ago. Whether they can convert this advantage into votes on May 6 remains to be seen.

Tories slow the swing to Labour in shires

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

SUPPORT for the Tory party has fallen by less in the shire counties of England and Wales where local elections will be held in a week's time than in the rest of Britain.

An analysis of the MORI aggregate of 5,766 political interviews between January and March shows that over the whole country there has been a 6.5 per cent swing from Tory to Labour since April 1989, just before the last comparable county elections. But in the shire counties, just under three-fifths of the country, there has been a swing of just 3 per cent from Tory to Labour. Liberal Democrat support has also risen by three percentage points since April 1989 compared with overall backing for the Social and Liberal Democrats and the old independent SDP.

MORI has adjusted the aggregate voting intentions to take account of likelihood to vote and the tendency for the centre parties in three out of four years to perform better in local elections than their national share in polls. On that basis, the January to March aggregate suggests a Tory share of 36 per cent, against 40 per cent in 1989, with Labour on 34 per cent (against 32 per cent) and the Liberal Democrats on 22 per cent (against 19 per cent). The balance is independents, especially in rural areas.

These figures suggest the Tories will suffer losses compared with 1989, though it is difficult to translate shifts in votes into changes in seats, let alone control of councils. An updating of voting intentions, nationally and in the local elections, will appear tomorrow as part of MORI's regular monthly poll for *The Times*.

The aggregate figures for the January to March period show that C1 men are now more Tory than AB professional men, who have shifted away from the government. In most groups, 25- to 34-year-olds are more Tory than 18- to 24- or 35-to 54-year-olds.

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Massive vote for steel strike

Workers of the east challenge Bonn

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

■ The strike may be a pointless battle over an empty future amid deep recession, but it is a political turning point for Germany

THE frustrated steel and car workers of eastern Germany gave Bonn a short, sharp shock yesterday by opting overwhelmingly for their first big strike since the 1930s.

Angered by shrinking wage packets and a sense that the Bonn government has betrayed them, between 85 and 90 per cent of the metal-working industries in Mecklenburg and Saxony — including rolling mills, car and truck plants — and 86 per cent of steel workers in east Germany gave their unions full authority to strike for more money. The workers insist that Bonn promised them a 26 per cent wage rise to bring them closer to west German pay levels; employers argue that reaching a settlement even close to that figure would wreck many factories and create more unemployment.

The vote is a blow to the economy which according to Günter Rexrodt, the economics minister, is already in the deepest recession since the war. Other east German workers have been settling for about 9 per cent rises. It seems unlikely, however, that the steel workers will compromise. The costs of a long strike and a hefty double-figure pay settlement could throw into confusion the Bundesbank's scheme for reducing interest rates.

But the real significance of the ballot is the way it challenges the assumptions about labour relations. It is plain that the consensual model — collective wage bargaining, a broad level of consultation — cannot be transferred automatically to the east. The workers of the east are different. For one thing they have been taught for 40 years that they were the very motor of the East German state, the new aristocrats. Since 1990, however, not only their living standards but also their social standing have plunged.

The strike seems at one level to be pointless, a false battle between employers with empty order books and workers with an empty future. Yet it may mark a turning point, the moment when the 1989 revolutions of the east start to spread to the west. If the strike takes off, it could challenge almost every precept of the postwar German order and shake the political class.

The first deliberations come today: a campaign of unrest that will probably include short regional strikes starting next week. May Day banners have been produced and slogans printed. One says: "Politicians — your time is up. Pay us our due!"



Regal flourish: Queen Silvia of Sweden, with Monika Diepgen, the mayor of Berlin's wife, waving to crowds at the Brandenburg Gate during a royal visit yesterday

Tension shows as Chirac launches bid for presidency

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TENSION between France's two ruling conservative parties broke into the open yesterday after Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, launched a bid for the presidency two years before the election.

M Chirac, head of the Rally for the Republic (RPR) party and twice prime minister, has stayed away from the centre-right government to concentrate on his presidential campaign. He urged RPR leaders late on Tuesday to use their strong showing in last month's general elections as a springboard to help him capture "the main prize" in 1995. He lost the last presidential race in 1988 to the Socialist, François Mitterrand.

M Chirac's plea drew a rebuke from Pierre Mehaignerie, the justice minister and head of the centrist CDS party, who said that the centre-right should focus all its energies on settling France's economic and social problems, and not get sidetracked. "We can fight only one battle at a time and that battle must be to solve France's problems," he told France-Inter radio. The dispute reflected tensions between the RPR and its centrist partners, which Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, wants to keep under wraps. The former president, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the head of the RPR's centrist partner, the Union for French Democracy (UDF), has announced he will run for the presidency. The RPR and UDF have said they will hold presidential primaries to field a joint candidate.

☐ **Police battle:** The Assemblée Nationale debated the problems of poor urban areas yesterday as bands of youths armed with petrol bombs and stones battled with special police squads at Grigny, ten miles south of the Paris city limits.

The clashes, which left several people injured and shopfronts wrecked, were sparked when a man opened fire from his appartment with a shotgun at a group of young people. Police arrived to arrest him, but were surrounded by youths, and ensuing skirmishes lasted until dawn yesterday.

Rutskoi loses anti-crime job

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday stripped Aleksandr Rutskoi, his rebellious vice-president, of his post in charge of investigations into crime and corruption in Russia. In an additional snub to his deputy, Mr Yeltsin took personal charge of the project.

The move leaves Mr Rutskoi, sacked from his post in charge of agricultural reform two weeks ago, without a significant role in Russia's affairs. The move also provoked a spate of rumours suggesting that Mr Yeltsin is considering scrapping the post of vice-president.

Mr Rutskoi, who was originally elected on the same ticket as Mr Yeltsin, angered his former ally by opposing his policies outright during the referendum campaign. He had also turned his brief in charge of corruption against the government, claiming that it was heavily involved in the wave of economic crime that is undermining reforms. He now ranks as President Yeltsin's chief rival for power.

The presidential council met in the Kremlin yesterday after an ill-tempered parliamentary session in which hardline deputies insisted that the referendum results were meaningless, challenged Mr Yeltsin's Yugoslav policy, and passed a resolution declaring their dissatisfaction with the privatisation of state enterprises. The session also ordered a parliamentary commission to investigate the accounts of the privatisation agency, clearly intending to cast doubt on the effectiveness of the undertaking.

"Parliament has now estranged itself from the electors," said a furious Anatoli Chubais, a deputy prime minister. He added that "the deputies now represent nobody but themselves".

Mr Rutskoi's office refused to comment on reports that his post was to disappear, but confirmed that he had cancelled all his appointments for the next two weeks. "He will never resign voluntarily," said a spokesman.

At its session, parliament voted to hold a special debate on Yugoslavia, with Ruslan Khasbulatov, its chairman, accusing Mr Yeltsin of having struck a secret deal with President Clinton on co-ordinated action during the Vancouver summit on April 3.

President Yeltsin issued a warning yesterday that Moscow would not back the Bosnian Serbs if they continued to ignore the Vance-Owen peace plan. While his government, not parliament, is responsible for foreign policy, the Supreme Soviet can seek to undermine his international credibility by criticising his decisions and focusing the opposition to pro-Western policy on the Balkans.

Sergei Shakrai, President Yeltsin's chief legal aide, reassured the country that the government would keep the peace in the coming weeks. He added: "There will be no states of emergency or cavalry charges." He said Mr Yeltsin would give the Congress of People's Deputies and the standing parliament one last chance to co-operate in being reformed. If they refused, he would take his campaign to the regions and seek their support for a new constitution which would abolish the congress and decrease parliament's significance at the price of devolving many economic decisions to local authorities.

Platform for Czech sell-off

FROM GERARD DAVIES IN PRAGUE

THE balcony on which Vaclav Havel and Alexander Dubcek emerged to lead the Czechoslovak revolution is up for sale in an ambitious privatisation of key buildings.

The printing house at 36 Wenceslas Square was headquarters to the Czechoslovak Socialist party, one of a few pseudo-opposition groups tolerated by the Communists after they came to power in 1948. Hundreds of thousands gathered outside in November 1989 to hear the rousing speeches by the then dissident Czech playwright and the ageing Prague Spring hero. The state-owned property has been valued at more than £1 million. Nine companies have put in bids of up to four times the asking price.

Ladislav Fronek, who publishes the mass-circulation tabloid *Spigl*, plans to modify the balcony "as a monument to the 1989 revolution" and to add 35 floors to the six-storey building.

Ciampi cabinet ready

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

CARLO Azeglio Ciampi, the Italian prime minister-designate, was on course yesterday to form the 52nd postwar government after the influential Republican Party offered support for his proposed new-look administration.

The Quirinal palace said Signor Ciampi, the governor of the Bank of Italy, was meeting President Scalfaro last night to deliver his cabinet line-up.

"The government is formed," said Giovanni Spadolini, the Republican Speaker of the senate. Another Republican, Antonio Maccanico, a former chairman of the leading merchant bank Mediobanca, said he agreed to be secretary of the cabinet.

There were unconfirmed reports the former communist Democratic Party of the Left also would join the government. "At the moment it seems the PDS is entering the government," said Gerardo Bianco, the whip of the Christian Democrat Party. "The political and psychological conditions are right."

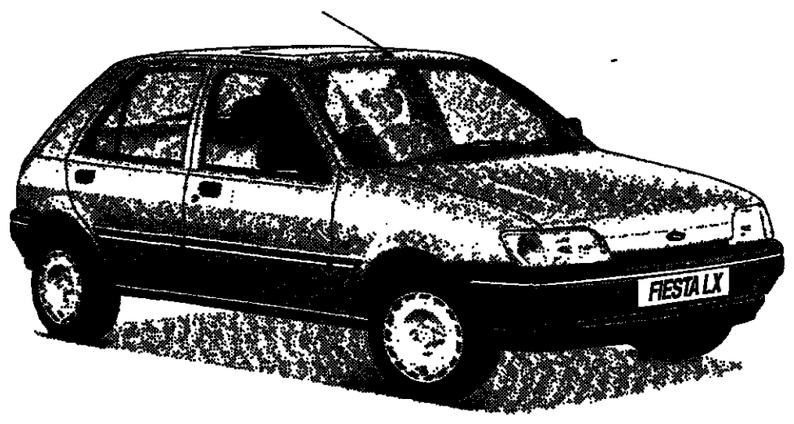
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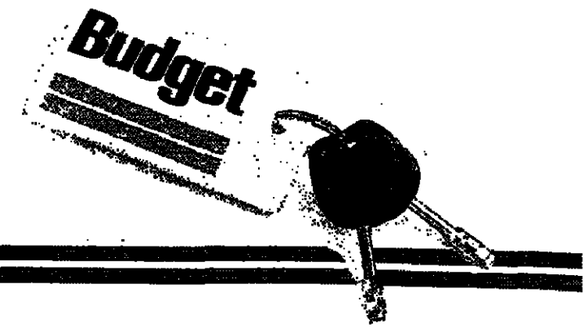
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West weighs risks and rewards of air strikes

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

MILITARY AIMS

■ Bombing raids without accompanying action by ground forces may not achieve much. They would also put British troops based at Vitez squarely in the firing line

BRITISH troops in Bosnia have been warned they will be shelled "immediately" if Nato carries out threatened air strikes against Serb military targets.

The warning was delivered by a Bosnian Serb commander in a meeting three days ago with officers of The Cheshire Regiment in Vitez, central Bosnia, where the main camp is located. Major Brian Watters, second-in-command of the regiment, said in an interview on GMTV: "If one Nato bomb drops on his country, he (the Serb commander) said he will launch an attack immediately."

Major Watters said the Serb commander was in charge of artillery no more than 11 miles from where he was standing. "We are well within range and it is of considerable concern to us." The threat to the soldiers at Vitez added one more emotive ingredient to the debate over whether to launch selective air strikes on Serbian targets. After Tuesday's warnings in Brussels from Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, the British chairman of Nato's military committee, about the need for a political objective behind any action, senior military officials voiced concern that bombing attacks would simply stiffen the resolve of the Bosnian Serbs not to sign the Vance-Owen plan.

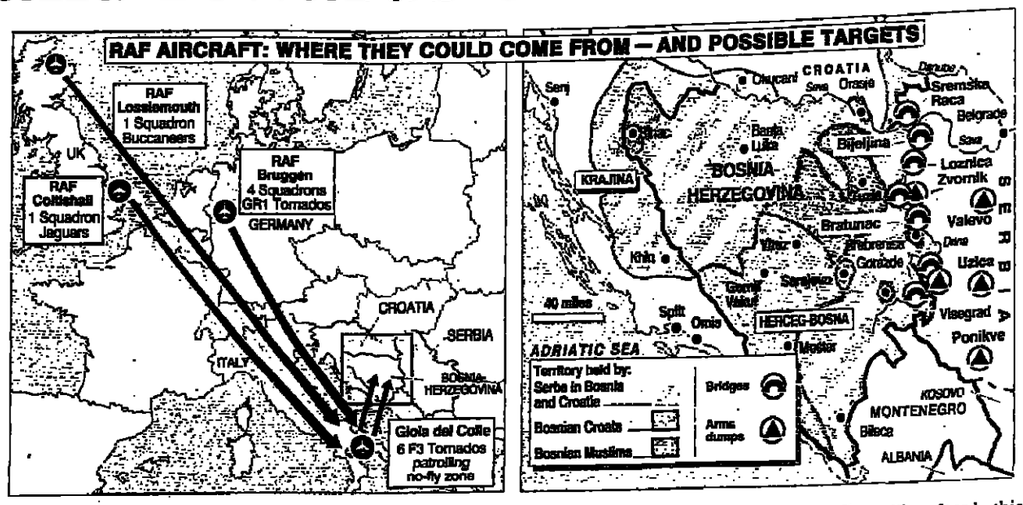
One official said: "Air power on its own won't achieve much. You would need to back it up with a large force on the ground and none of the allies, especially the United States, is prepared to put in large numbers of troops."

However, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said options such as air strikes should not be excluded. "Specific kinds of military action, particularly from the air, can sometimes eliminate sources of aggression and can deal with particular threats," he said. So what are the target options and what is the likelihood that air strikes will have a positive influence?

☐ **Option one:** supply routes, including bridges and roads across the Bosnian-Serbian border. Serb troop transporters, tanks and artillery have been crossing the border using the bridges at Bratunac and Skelani. Other key bridges are at Bjelinja, Zvornik and Visegrad.

This seems the easiest option because the grid references are known and there would be no requirement for specialist ground forces in the area equipped with laser targeting devices. However, the mountainous terrain and low cloud cover would force bombers to come in low, making them vulnerable to anti-aircraft fire. The Serbian army is also well supplied with mobile bridge-building equipment, while the risk of civilian deaths would also be high because of stray bombs.

☐ **Option two:** Bosnian Serb artillery positions around key



Muslim enclaves and in the hills above Sarajevo. The Americans learnt in Vietnam how difficult it was to target moving artillery. Even with advanced radar equipment and laser-guided precision bombs, Nato aircraft flying in at 500 to 600 mph would find it difficult to make accurate hits, if the artillery was hidden in wooded areas.

There is also the danger that the Serbs would put their guns behind schools and hospitals. To shorten the odds, the operation would need to be supported by ground troops with laser-marking equipment and sophisticated communications.

☐ **Option three:** ammunition dumps in Serbia and Bosnia. The Serbs are known to have arms dumps across Serbia, but they are in underground bunkers. According to a former JNA officer, there are arms bunkers at Nis, Valevo, Uzica, Ponikve, Zvornik, Bikovac, Kopaonik and Bajuna Basta, all in Serbia. In Bosnia, the Serbs are thought to have an arms dump at a military installation at Lukavica.

Bombing over Serbian territory would pose huge risks. Without precise intelligence of genuine arms dumps, there would be the danger of air strikes on the wrong targets. It would only need one raid on a bunker converted into a shelter for civilians for Nato to face immediate condemnation. The allies faced this dilemma in the Gulf war when civilians died after an attack on a supposed command and control bunker in Baghdad.

☐ **Option four:** airfields, communication centres and radar sites. A huge amount of munitions would be required to knock out an airfield, and raids on military installations close to urban areas would run the risk of civilian casualties.

Outburst puts the spotlight on troops' dilemma

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

Britain affected an official nonchalance over the outspoken remarks of Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, the chairman of Nato's military committee, who gave a warning that, unless the West clarified its aims in Bosnia, soldiers risked being stuck there "halfway through the next century". Whitehall officials insisted that the government stood "100 per cent behind him" and said soldiers always needed clear political guidelines.

But the threat by France to pull its troops out of Bosnia, and the public wrangle in

POLITICAL AIMS

Washington over possible military air strikes, have underlined the disarray in the West over Bosnian policy. Sir Richard's outburst suggests that in the battle for President Clinton's ear and in the daily consultations between Britain, France and America, Nato's political and military officials have been left out in the cold.

Whitehall officials were yesterday unable to explain why Nato's military leaders, normally intensely secretive, chose to speak out and reveal so clearly to the Serbs the West's uncertainty over what to do. Some suggested that he was using the media to try to influence a divided administration in Washington; others said he was merely restating the military's insistence on clearly defined orders and its readiness to fulfil whatever task it is assigned.

In interviews yesterday, Sir Richard insisted he was not questioning any political decision or raising any military revolt; instead he was voicing only the legitimate concern of a soldier that politicians define the tasks which they want the military to undertake.

Britain has denied that the government lacks a policy on Bosnia. "We have always had two clear objectives: to put maximum pressure on the Serbs to desist from further attacks, and to convince them to return to the negotiating table," one official said. "We have also made it clear that, unless they do, we will continue a policy of economic pressure for however long it takes, and that they will never get out of this hole."

But he admitted that the West had not yet set any objectives beyond this; Mr Clinton was still formulating his policy, and the process was going on in Nato capitals.

There was a distinct sense of frustration and impatience in Whitehall at the drawn-out debate in Washington. Officials admit that until America makes up its mind, the Europeans cannot take any new initiative. "We are in dialogue with the Americans, they are with themselves, and at some stage proposals will develop," one said.

Washington has now made it clear that no decision is expected from the White House until next week at the earliest. There are now doubts over when Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, will arrive on a visit to European capitals or indeed whether he will come at all.

The government has also been embarrassed that Sir Richard, who speaks for Nato, is seen by many people in Britain as speaking for the UK armed forces. Officials said that, while Nato had not been given guidelines, British military commanders were closely involved in government's talks with America. "Our politicians are guided very much by the soldiers on the ground ... this has kept our casualties to an extraordinarily low level."

UK officer speaks up for Nato's top brass

By Michael Evans

PROFILE

FIELD Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, DSO, chairman of Nato's military committee in Brussels, has given the strongest warning about military intervention in Bosnia.

He knows it is possible to plan a military operation to cover almost any conflict. But, like all military men, he first wants to know what the mission is, how long it will last and what the political objectives are. There have been many warning voices in recent months, but it has taken a commander of his experience to enunciate what all his Nato military colleagues think. Yesterday there was approval from many Nato commanders.

Sir Richard, 61, has always had a reputation for being a clear-thinking strategist. He was chief of defence staff in London until last December. The move to Nato as the chairman of Nato's highest planning group was seen as the ultimate accolade for Britain's senior soldier.

He enlisted for national service in the Royal Artillery in 1950 and was granted a regular commission three years later. He served as a major in Malaysia from 1966 to 1968. In 1970 he commanded the 12th Light Air Defence Regiment in Germany and Northern Ireland, for which he was awarded his DSO. In 1976 he became commander of 19 Airportable (Infantry) Brigade as a brigadier before moving to the Royal College of Defence Studies. He is married with a son in the Royal Artillery and a daughter.

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Vincent: a reputation for clear-thinking

Alliance ships may fire dummy shells

From Reuter in Brussels

NATO warships enforcing tougher United Nations sanctions in the Adriatic will be allowed, as a last resort, to fire non-explosive shells at merchant vessels trying to slip through their blockade.

Ambassadors from the 16 Nato nations also decided in Brussels that the warships, which have been enforcing sanctions since November, can enter the territorial waters of the former Yugoslavia "in hot pursuit" of suspected violators. The "inert charges" which the Nato ships are empowered to fire do not explode but can immobilise a vessel by blowing holes in its rudder or control systems. Nato ships have previously been unable to fire on vessels suspected of carrying goods for the rump Yugoslavia, although they have stopped and searched more than 500.

Greece, which is opposed to the involvement of Balkan nations in any military action over the former Yugoslavia, said it would not take part in the new rules of engagement. Earlier this month, Athens refused to allow Turkish fighters enforcing the Bosnian no-fly zone to overfly Greece on their way to a base in Italy.

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Clinton wrestles over the next step amid warnings of Vietnam

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

US POLICY

■ Hostility to air strikes from the forces and congressmen is piling pressure on the president

PRESIDENT Clinton again postponed a decision on military intervention in Bosnia yesterday as he agonised over the most important and complex decision of his presidency. A spokeswoman said an announcement was now unlikely this week.

The postponement followed nearly three hours of consultations between the president and congressional leaders on Tuesday in which Mr Clinton again expressed his determination to take stronger action but failed to achieve consensus on the merits of bombing Serb targets. "There was no consensus, none whatsoever," said John Murtha, a senior Democratic congressman. There were "opinions from A to Z. I told him to stay the hell out of there. I see it as another Vietnam."

Mr Clinton committed himself to no one option, but several of the congressmen left with the impression that he favoured exempting Bosnia's Muslims from the UN arms embargo, an option favoured by the US military but opposed by Britain and France. Joseph Biden, the Democratic senator who has led the demands for intervention, said that a majority of congressmen believed that lifting the arms embargo was a good thing".

Mr Clinton himself is so torn over what to do that he reportedly cancelled a telephone call to President Mitterrand on Monday until he had better defined his own position. He and his advisers have not even reached agreement on whether they should pursue the short-term objective of stopping the fighting or the long-term objective of reversing Serb territorial gains.

Compounding Mr Clinton's dilemma is the increasingly vocal opposition to air strikes of both the military and congressmen, who see Mr Clinton stumbling into an unwinnable foreign war that could consume his presidency. Previously advocates of US intervention had made almost all the running, but the opponents are supported by a new Gallup poll showing 62 per cent of Americans opposed to air strikes and 30 per cent in favour. On Tuesday Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, said public support was one of four criteria on which the president would base his decision.

Lee Hamilton, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, said: "The draconian sanctions just went into effect. It doesn't make any sense to put the sanctions in today and bomb tomorrow."

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Weapons inspection: a French United Nations soldier checking his machinegun at Sarajevo airport yesterday. North of the Bosnian capital, Muslims and Croats were reported to be fighting between Busovaca and Kiseljak

Fighting increases despite ceasefire

FROM REUTER IN SARAJEVO

FRESH battles between Muslims, Croats and Serbs began in Bosnia yesterday in defiance of a ceasefire and international efforts to end the war.

British United Nations peacekeeping troops based in Vitez in central Bosnia said Muslims and Croats were fighting between Busovaca and Kiseljak, northwest of Sarajevo, the capital.

Muslim-controlled Sarajevo radio reported shelling of Velika Kladusa in the Bihac area of northwestern Bosnia where the UN Protection Force said about 150 Serb troops backed by ten tanks and artillery launched an offensive on Tuesday. The radio said the northeastern Muslim town of Gradacac was under heavy Serb attack for the second successive day and that its industrial zone was on fire.

The scale of the fighting has grown sharply since the Bosnian Serbs refused to accept the Vance-Owen peace plan agreed by the country's Muslims and Croats.

Façade of unity hides Travnik's ethnic timebomb

FROM TOM RHODES IN TRAVNIK

Muslims, Croats and Serbs in Travnik will tell you that theirs is the most useful town in the region. But, wedged in a valley west of the British base at Vitez, it is in fact another Balkan timebomb.

Before the conflict began in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Travnik was a microcosm of the region, with mostly Muslims, slightly fewer Croats and fewer still Serbs. Now, with Muslim refugees flooding in from Croat regions to the south and east, and from Serb-held Banja Luka to the north, the Muslim population has grown by as many as 18,000.

All the refugees are homeless, jobless, and increasingly pawns of the *radical fundamentalist* movement that has been spawned in the town's heart. Under the Vance-Owen peace plan, Travnik is to become a Croat canton, an irony not lost on anyone.

While the British troops in Vitez have recognised that their efforts to keep the peace to the east, in Busovaca and Zenica, have all but foundered, they are desperate to keep the lid on Travnik, which one officer in the Cheshire Regiment described as a "pressure cooker ready to boil". Even as Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart and his men were coming under heavy fire to the north of Busovaca yesterday, his liaison officers were still pressing Travnik's Muslims and Croats to stay calm.

The previous day, the two local commanders, both ex-officers of the JNA (the former Yugoslav national army) and personal friends, met around a table to negotiate peace. The man who had brought them together was Captain Matthew Dundas-Whatley of the Cheshires. Both the commanders, Lieutenant Colonel Meho Alagic of the Ahmir and Colonel Filip Filipovic of the HVO, argued for a joint army to take on the Serbs, who until three months ago were regularly shelling Travnik from positions above the town. They said they were working strenuously to keep the peace in Travnik and claimed they were being largely successful — it was "outsiders and criminals" who were causing the tension.

But, beneath this veneer of unity between Croats and Muslims, the old enmities and webs of disinformation are still in evidence. Col Filipovic alleged that Muslims were terrorising the hospital and that some doctors were refusing proper medicine to Croat casualties. This is not so.

Lt Col Alagic, meanwhile, urged the West to rearm his people, who would use the weaponry to attack the Serbs. He dismissed Western fears that rearming would provoke a bloodbath between Muslims and Croats. "We are not genocidal people, we just want revenge and we want to be able to use the equipment that we can get," he said. "We do not need the help of British, American and French sons, they should stay at home with their mothers and leave their weapons for us."

Later the two commanders joined Capt Dundas-Whatley at the front line above Travnik. "These people are fine as long they have someone to tell them what to do and how to mediate," he said. "That is what I have been doing since I arrived and it has been relatively successful."

But the outlook for Travnik looks far from rosy. Already there are signs that the Croatian forces are moving their soldiers out of the town. One Bosnian Serb showed little optimism: "How can you explain a person who shoots dead his best friend of 15 years and then laughs and then cries for having done it and then *laughs again*?"

French threaten to pull out of Bosnia

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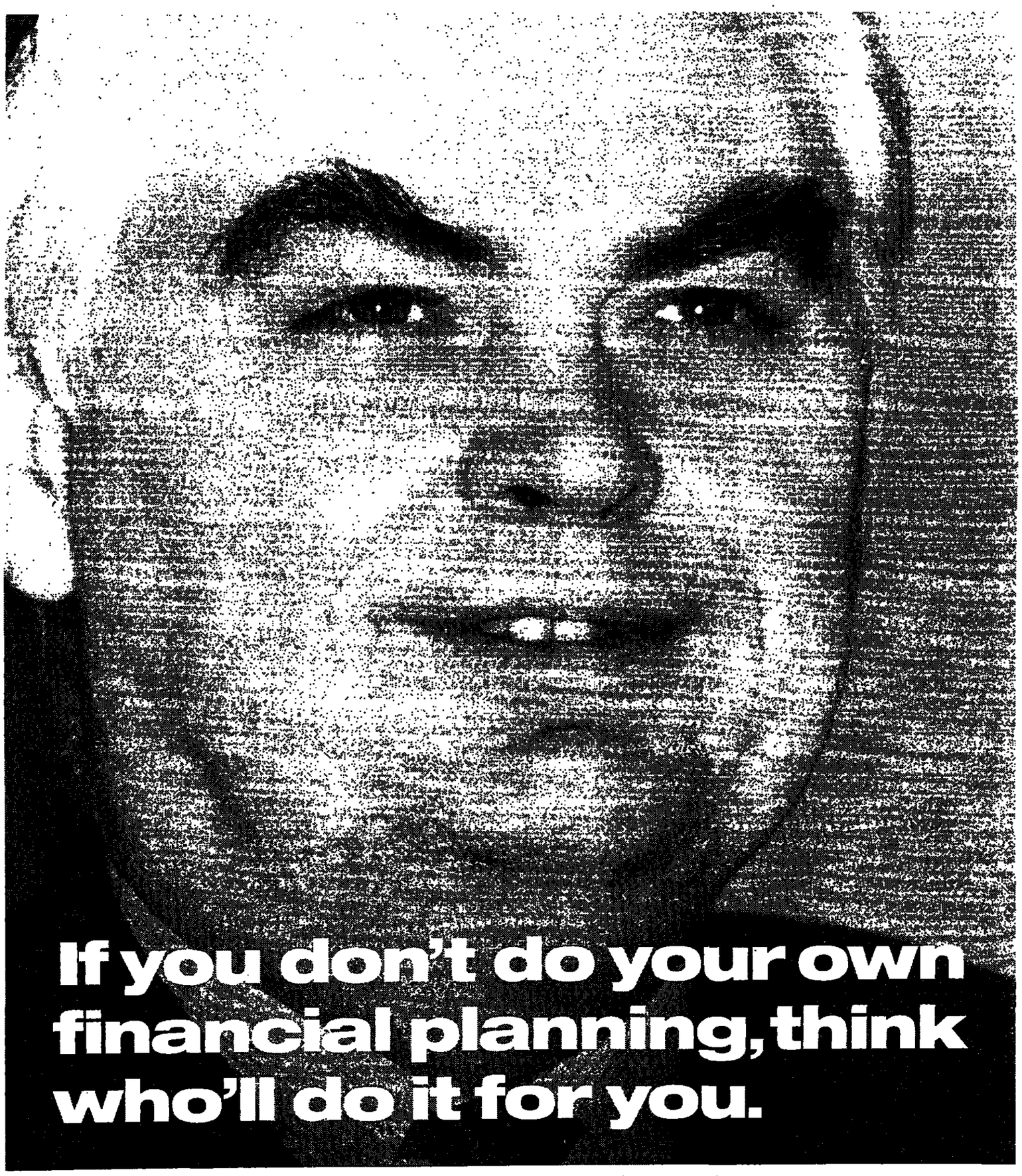
and stuck to it; the government now wants to ensure that any military moves in Bosnia will also be limited in their ambitions and clearly defined and mandated.

London appeared nearer last night to backing air strikes on Serb positions, even though senior defence officials continued to warn of the dangers of such action. The UN was expected eventually to issue an ultimatum to the Serbs to agree a ceasefire or face bombing raids.

Senior ministers believe, however, that Britain's earlier warnings of restraing to the Americans have succeeded and that the closer Mr Clinton has come to a decision, the more difficult it has become for him. One senior government source said the president was "genuinely undecided" about what to do.

Mr Clinton held nearly three hours of intensive consultations with congressional leaders on Tuesday night, when he again expressed his determination to take stronger action but failed to achieve any sort of consensus on the merits of bombing Serb targets. There was much stronger support for arming the Bosnian Muslims, although Britain is implacably opposed to such a move.

A growing number of military officials and congressmen are voicing opposition to air strikes, fearing that Mr Clinton could stumble into an unwinnable foreign war that would consume his presidency. Mr Clinton himself is so torn over what to do that he reportedly cancelled a planned telephone call to President Mitterrand on Monday until he had better defined his position.



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Cabinet oath loses pledge to Queen

Keating takes first steps to a republic

FROM REUTER IN SYDNEY

■ The Labor prime minister believes Australia will be taken more seriously in the region if links to the Crown are severed

PAUL Keating put Australia on course yesterday to become a republic, replacing the Queen as its head of state, by giving a committee three months to study the options.

The prime minister announced the appointment of a committee of eminent Australians to advise by September on the changes needed to convert Australia from a constitutional monarchy to a federal republic. "I think we should start now on the journey to the creation of an Australian republic," he told 300 reformist luminaries of the Evatt Foundation. "The fact is Australia will be taken more seriously as a player in regional affairs if we are clear about our identity," he said.

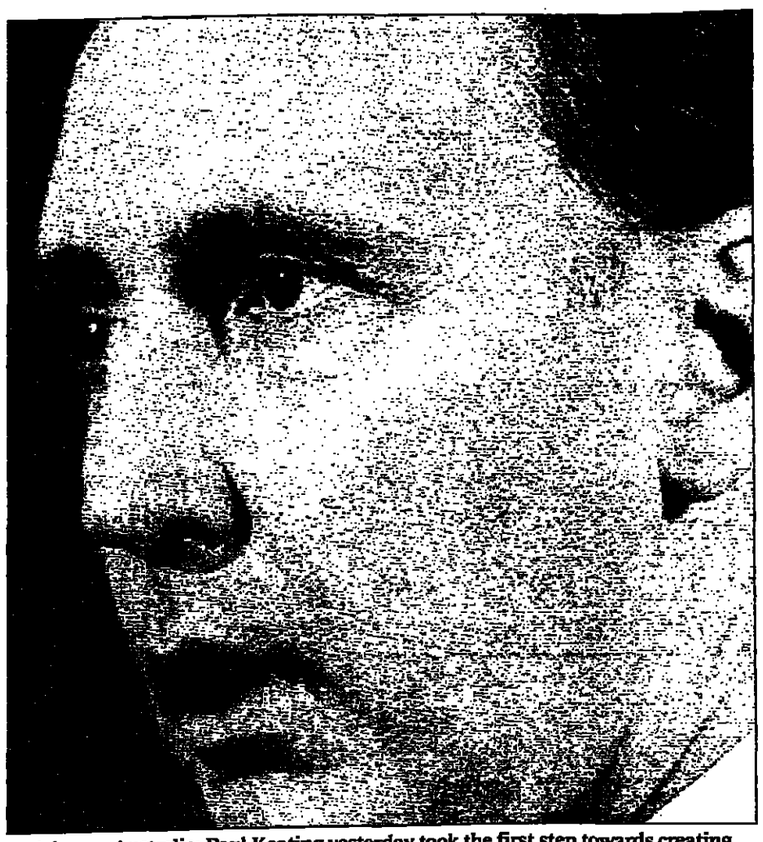
Chaired by Malcolm Turnbull, the high-profile lawyer and merchant banker, the 10-member committee includes Lois O'Donoghue, the Aboriginal leader, Mary Kostakidis, the Greek-born television anchorwoman, and Nick Greiner, a former conservative premier of New South Wales state.

The Queen is Australia's titular head, and Mr Keating technically rules at her pleasure, answering to her representative, Governor-General Bill Hayden.

This week the new attorney-general, Michael Lavarch, broke almost a century of tradition by becoming the first Australian minister not to pledge allegiance to the Queen when sworn in. Mr Lavarch pledged instead to serve "the Commonwealth of Australia". All future ministers are to use the new oath. A magazine poll this month found 73 per cent of Australians favour a republic.

Since toppling his predecessor Bob Hawke in a Labor party challenge 16 months ago, Mr Keating has championed the issue. The day after the challenge, he had the Australian flag — which sports the Union flag — removed from his official car.

□ **Perth:** A man driving a stolen armoured personnel carrier smashed into three police stations and the central law courts in a rampage through the city. Police used tear gas to capture the man, who also rammed seven police cars during his two-hour joyride. *(Reuter)*



Advance Australia: Paul Keating yesterday took the first step towards creating a republic, a cause he has been championing since becoming Labor leader

Portugal presses UK to support East Timor vote

BY DAVID WATTS

PORTUGAL is putting strong pressure on Britain to join the United States and others in new moves to compel Indonesia to allow self-determination in the occupied territory of East Timor.

President Soares, in a speech at the state banquet to honour his visit to Britain on Tuesday night, condemned the "bloody dictatorship" in Indonesia for its "violent and illegal" occupation, which Jakarta insisted on maintaining in "disregard of United Nations resolutions and the most elementary human rights of the Maubere people".

Senhor Soares renewed his attack on Britain's ambiguous position yesterday at a session of the foreign affairs committee in the Commons. As the principal interlocutor between the European Community and Indonesia, Britain has consistently followed a policy of condemning Jakarta yet preventing decisive new policies being implented that would compel the Indonesians to hold a referendum on the disputed territory.

The Portuguese, who supported the British in the Falkland war with the use of military bases, say it is time that London took a more consistent line with Jakarta, to which it sells military jets, and which comes tenth on Britain's list of aid recipients despite the lack of colonial or other ties.

"We recognise the importance Britain attaches to this trading link, but it's time principle and international law took precedence over trade," said a Portuguese diplomat. Now Portugal is trying, with American assistance, to make Indonesia grant an act of self-determination.

To the frustration of the Portuguese, as the former colonial power, London tried to head off condemnation of Indonesia at a meeting of the United Nations High Commission on Human Rights in Geneva last month.

British diplomacy failed, however, and the meeting ended with the first-ever condemnation of Indonesia in that body. Having previously co-sponsored a condemnatory resolution, British diplomats then worked towards the adoption of consensus statement that would have congratulated the Indonesians for "progress" since the cemetery massacre in the East Timorese capital, Dili, in 1991.

The commission approved a resolution that called for the appointment of four rapporteurs to investigate the widespread abuse of human rights following the Dili killings. The former Kenyan attorney-general, Amos Wako, has just completed his second visit, but Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, has refused to reveal his findings.

Indonesia has admitted that about 50 people were killed in the incident. Clandestine sources claim they have data showing that 273 people died,



255 have disappeared, and 376 were wounded. Many of those who disappeared have been picked up by the military, and there are continuing reports of reprisals against the inhabitants.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, who was in Jakarta this month, said he had expressed concern at the relatively light sentences given Indonesian troops involved in the incident — eight to 18 months — while those accused of instigating the pro-independence demonstrations that preceded the massacre have been jailed for terms ranging between five years and life. Despite this concern, Mr Hurd signed an agreement granting Indonesia £65 million in aid to finance a power project.

□ **Phnom Penh:** UN investigators have absolved Khmer Rouge guerrillas of the murder of a Japanese UN volunteer and his Cambodian interpreter. Thirty UN electoral volunteers have resigned following the double murders in Kompong Thom. *(Reuter)*

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China and Taiwan agree on closer ties

BY CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHINA and Taiwan, holding high-level talks in Singapore, agreed yesterday to sign an unprecedented joint statement calling for closer economic and civilian ties.

Spokesman for both sides said they were encouraged by the outcome of the talks, the highest-level contact since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949. The joint statement pledges co-operation on trade, technology exchange, copyright protection, repatriation of illegal immigrants and crime prevention. Three other agreements were to be signed at the same time, covering compensation for lost mail, verification of official documents, and creating a system of regular negotiations.

The talks failed to bridge differences on some issues, particularly legal protection for Taiwanese investments in China, which have surged to more than $7 billion (£4.4 billion) since political tensions began easing in the late 1980s. Negotiators said the talks were "non-political" and did not deal with the issue of reunification, which both governments say they want.

In Peking, Chinese and British officials embarked on a second round of talks on the future of Hong Kong, still refusing to give any indication of progress.

Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador, and Jiang Enzhu, the Chinese deputy foreign minister, expressed guarded optimism. Both sides, however, seemed resigned to the fact that this round would not produce a final resolution, since they were planning a third round. The talks aim to set in place arrangements for elections to the Hong Kong legislature in 1995.

Christians detained in Egypt for 'preaching'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

CONCERN was growing yesterday about three Americans and a New Zealander held without charge in Egypt since February 21 on suspicion of trying to convert Muslims to Christianity.

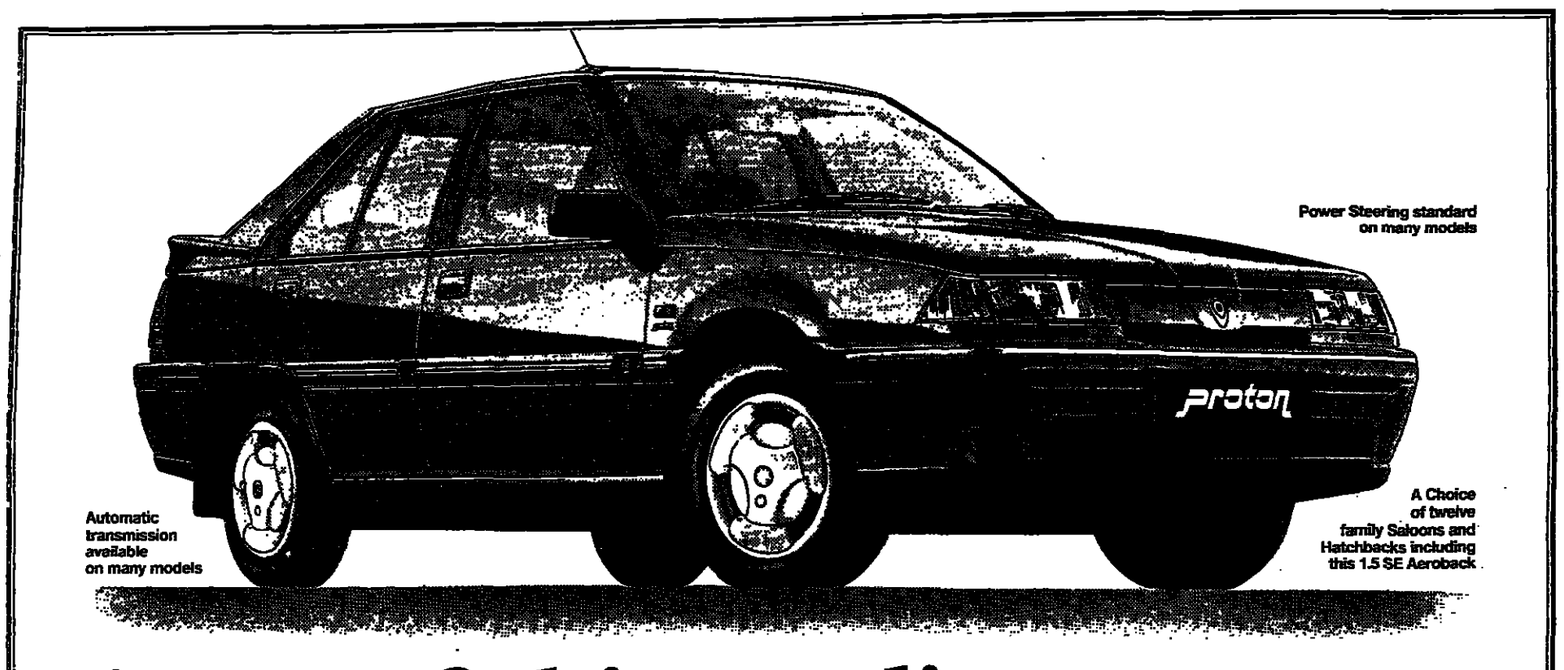
The London-based National Council for Christian Standards said it was stepping up its campaign to secure freedom for the four following news that their initial detention period of 15 days had been extended by 45 days. They have been identified as Robert Cunningham from Massachusetts, Brian Eckheart from Iowa, Richard Dugan Jr from Indiana and Thomas Martin from New Zealand, who all have families in Egypt. The arrests come as the Clinton administration is hoping to prop up the Egyptian regime of President Mubarak as a barrier against the spread of Islamic fundamentalism.

Geoffrey Barlow, the council's vice-chairman, said: "There is a real danger these men will be forgotten and we are increasing efforts to end their frightful predicament."

He said the Egyptian embassy in London had initially denied any knowledge of the men's arrest. "It is possible these men have been caught up in some backlash by the Egyptian authorities who are cracking down on Muslim militants," he added.

Although 10 per cent of Egypt's 58 million population are Christian, and the constitution allows freedom of religion, it is illegal to propagate any religion other than Islam, and is punishable by imprisonment.

A US embassy spokeswoman in Cairo said yesterday that the three Americans had had regular consular visits and had lawyers. The four men, plus an Egyptian arrested at the same time, work for Industrial Systems and Components, an export management firm based in Virginia that represents US businesses based in Egypt. Randy Hoffman, a senior company employee, said the Westerners had been arrested on suspicion of "exploiting religion to debase Islam and foment sectarian sedition".



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Clinton clears the way for women pilots to fly combat missions

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ The administration hopes expansion of women's role in the armed forces will be seen as a big achievement of its first 100 days

THE Clinton administration will announce today that it is ordering the US military to allow women to fly bombers, jets and helicopter gunships on combat missions.

Pentagon officials said Les Aspin, the defence secretary, would also ask Congress to lift the ban on women serving on warships, although submarines might be too cramped to permit separate sleeping quarters. Mr Aspin is also expected to ask the army and Marine Corps to justify the continued exclusion of women from infantry units and other roles.

The White House was reportedly eager that Mr Aspin should rush forward the announcement of the policy so that President Clinton could claim it as another accomplishment of his first 100 days in office today.

Politically, the announcement may also help distract attention from the president's desire to end the ban on homosexuals in the military. Although there is opposition in the Pentagon to expanding the combat roles of women, it is less pronounced and was diminished by the active participation of servicewomen in Operation Desert Storm.

About 35,000 women served in the Gulf war in which the distinction between their support and combat roles became increasingly blurred. Five women were killed in the hostilities and two were taken prisoner by the Iraqis. One woman pilot, Major Marie Rossi, was killed when her Chinook helicopter crashed.

US air force and navy officials said their services would take immediate steps to begin implementing the new policy on women pilots, which was foreshadowed when Congress repealed the outright ban on women flying combat missions in 1991.

The ban on women serving on warships, which Congress will now be asked to repeal, dates back to 1947 and applies to aircraft carriers, destroyers and other fighting vessels but not to combat support ships.

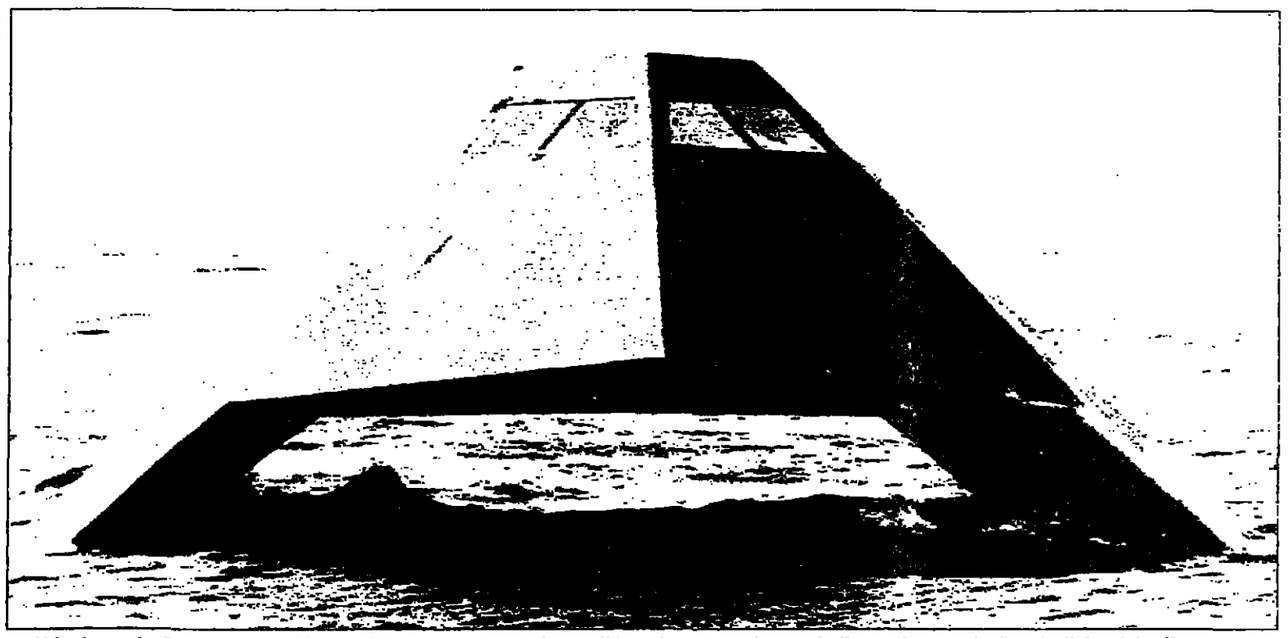
At present, 55,000 of the navy's 525,000 active-duty personnel are women. About 8,900 serve on just 64 of its 453 ships, and only 184 of its 9,400 pilots are women. Last week the Pentagon released a damning report on the so-called Tailhook scandal which said that as many as 175 male naval aviators may face disciplinary action for assaulting 83 women at a three-day convention in Las Vegas.

Of the air force's 16,000 pilots, 295 are women. The army's 12,442 aviators include 327 women. The Marine Corps has no women fliers.

"It's a very big move for Aspin to be making," said one Pentagon official. Although the navy has actively tried to expand combat roles for women, both the air force and the Marine Corps have resisted, forcing Mr Aspin to act quickly. In a speech on April 18, General Merrill McPeak, air force chief of staff, said: "It's a mistake to open up bombers and fighters to women." Last week Carl Mundy, the Marine Corps commandant, said: "The Marine Corps feels very good about the opportunities for women that we offer."

The army is likely to resist the introduction of women in infantry units. "The only mission those units have is to find the enemy and kill: there's still a question whether America wants its women to be killers on the battlefield," said one official.

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Ship shape: the Sea Shadow, a 600-tonne US warship virtually impossible to detect by radar or missiles, undergoing its first daylight trials off southern California. The vessel, 174ft long, 75ft wide and with a crew of four, employs technology used in the stealth bomber, which saw action in the Gulf war

Janet Reno insists she made the right decision on Waco

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

JANET RENO, the US attorney-general, said yesterday that every day since a fire swept through the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, killing 86 people she had asked herself whether she made the right decision by sending in tanks to force the cult to surrender.

She had concluded that the stalemate in negotiations with the cult leader, David Koresh, left her with no other choice. "It was my call, and I made it the best way I know how," she told the House judiciary committee in Washington. She hoped future planning and a full investigation would ensure she never had to make such a difficult decision again.

Miss Reno said she would talk to experts to find if there might have been any other way to flush out the cult, but insisted: "Short of allowing David Koresh to go free, he was not coming out."

Ms Reno said that the well-being of the children inside the building was uppermost in her mind when she considered the FBI's plan to use tear gas and armoured vehicles. She decided that deteriorating living standards, the failure of talks and the debilitating effects of a long siege on the FBI rescue team made a more aggressive approach imperative. She approved the use of non-lethal tear gas only after she was assured by experts that it would not harm the children.

During her testimony Miss Reno alluded only briefly to "reports" of sexual and physical abuse, adding that "until you see children, you can't confirm child abuse".

Asked whether she had weighed the danger of mass suicide, she said that such an outcome was a constant possibility regardless of FBI actions. "We were dealing with a madman: he was totally unpredictable."

She responded with asperity when Representative John Conyers suggested that she had behaved correctly when she offered to resign. On the children's deaths, she told Mr Conyers: "I feel more strongly about it than you will ever know, but I will not walk away from a compound where ATF [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms] agents have been killed."

NEWS IN BRIEF

17 Zambian footballers die in crash

Libreville: At least 17 stars of Zambia's national football squad, due to play a World Cup qualifying match in Senegal on Sunday, were killed when their military aircraft plunged into the Atlantic minutes after taking off from the Gabonese capital.

Rescue officials feared that no one had survived. The bodies of 24 of the 30 people on board the twin-engined De Havilland Buffalo were recovered, reports said. *(Reuter)*

Yemen victory

Sanaa: President Saleh's party, the General People's Congress, headed for a landslide victory in united Yemen's first general election, according to early results. It had won 43 of 64 constituencies. *(Reuter)*

Minister seized

Kinshasa: Troops have seized Pierre Lumbi, the foreign minister in the Zairean cabinet opposed to President Mobutu, according to the weekly *Forum* newspaper, quoting Etienne Tshisekedi, the prime minister. *(Reuter)*

Ship fired on

Istanbul: North Cyprus said a Greek Cypriot gunboat shot at a Turkish cargo vessel off Larnaca, wounding two crew. The Cypriot foreign minister said the boat gave warning but was forced to shoot when the ship did not stop. *(Reuter)*

Rare beef

The Hague: A Dutch court said Herman, the first genetically engineered bull, is free to breed, rejecting an application from animal rights groups for an injunction. The bull has a modified human gene that will produce human milk protein in its daughters. *(Reuter)*

Syria and Israel differ on US role

FROM REUTER IN WASHINGTON

A SECOND day of Middle East peace talks began yesterday with Syria and Israel at odds over how direct a role the United States should play.

"We are pleased with the fact that the United States is intimately involved," Israel's chief negotiator with Syria, Itamar Rabinovich, told reporters when he arrived at the State Department for the morning's talks. But he added: "We are also pleased with the limits set by the United States on its role as 'full partner'. It is not an excessively active role, nothing is done to corrode the character of these negotiations as direct negotiations."

Syria's chief negotiator, Mouwafak al-Allaf, made it clear a few minutes later that his country was ready for more direct intervention by America and Russia, the sponsors of the 18-month-old peace process. "I do not see any objection, if there are difficulties, that the co-sponsors sit with the two sides that are facing difficulties in order to help them."

Israel also resumed talks with Jordan and Lebanon yesterday. A session between Israel and the Palestinians was set for the afternoon.

☐ **Jerusalem:** Israel is to import building labourers to replace some of the thousands of Palestinians thrown out of work by an indefinite ban on them leaving the occupied territories, officials said.

An inter-ministerial committee has been set up to decide how many workers to bring in for the construction industry and to review the economic effects of the month-long closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. *(AFP)*

English declines as States' lingua franca

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE number of people living in America for whom English is a foreign language has risen sharply over the past decade, according to the United States Census Bureau, due to the wave of immigrants from South America and Asia.

Data collected during 1990 indicate that 32 million people, or one in seven, grow up speaking a language other than English — an increase of more than third since 1980. Ballot papers in most states are printed in several languages, and bilingual education is required increasingly.

Spanish, spoken by about 17 million, is by far the largest linguistic sub-group; ten times more people speak Spanish than French, the second-biggest group. More than half those for whom Spanish is a first language speak *no* English at home.

One of several lobby groups devoted to maintaining English as America's official language, US English, greeted the figures as evidence that the country's lingua franca is losing ground. "Multilingualism is great ... But let one of those languages be English," a spokeswoman told *The New York Times*.

But English, still spoken as a primary language by 86 per cent, shows little sign of disappearing, unlike Woleai-Ulithi, a Micronesian tongue and the smallest of the 329 recognised languages, spoken by just 73 residents.

European languages are increasingly rare. In the past ten years, the number of Yiddish speakers has dropped by more than a third.

But the Indian languages are dying most rapidly: just 335,000 native Americans speak their inherited language — most speak Navajo — while 33 Indian languages have vanished.

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What the maid saw: the secret life of Lincoln

Lincoln mania has reached new heights in America with the $1m purchase of a diary supposedly by the president's laundress

A manuscript purporting to be the memoirs of Abraham Lincoln's laundry maid has been bought by the New York publishers William Morrow for a reported $1 million, sending a minor, and familiar, frisson of panic through American academia.

Unlike the fraudulent Hitler Diaries, the diaries of Mariah Vance, contain some remarkable assertions. If genuine, the book would require a thorough re-evaluation of the domestic life of the Lincolns and historians are at present going to tongue-twisting lengths to avoid saying definitively whether they are authentic, or fake.

"They are fascinating, in their way," John Simon, the professor of history at Southern Illinois, guardedly told *The New Yorker*.

The memoirs, *A House Divided: The Personal Lives of Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, As Told in an Oral History by Mariah Vance, 1850 to 1860*, paint a most peculiar picture of the family life of the Illinois lawyer and future president — referred to by Mrs Vance as "Mistah Abe".

Mary Todd Lincoln ("de Missy") has long been established as a notably eccentric First Lady, but as described by her laundress she emerges as a near-maniac, dangerously in thrall to an opium derivative, paregoric, and furiously jealous of Ann Rutledge, the object of Lincoln's youthful affections.

By Mrs Vance's account, Lincoln appears to have been somewhat less than subtle in his references to Ann Rutledge, reminiscing about their relationship and even bringing home a picture of a young woman who reminded him of her. His actions sent his wife into paroxysms of jealousy, including one incident when she allegedly attacked her husband with a knife saying the only man she had ever loved was none other than Lincoln's political rival, Stephen Douglas.

But perhaps the most interesting, and dubious, part of the manuscript details a "secret baptism" which the laundress claimed Lincoln underwent shortly before becoming president. Mrs Vance was a devout member of the Baptist Church in Springfield, Illinois, and her claims that Lincoln told her his conversion should be a secret between the two of them and God may have been wishful thinking.

Even if the memoirs are fraudulent, they are likely to be thoroughly entertaining, containing delicious vignettes of the supposed daily life of the Lincolns: the eldest son, Robert, trying to read while his brother Tad bit him repeatedly; Mrs Lincoln administering a patent medicine to a crying baby, rendering it unconscious and requiring emergency resuscitation by the local doctor and Lincoln himself jealously saying he would destroy Douglas during their debates.

The existence of an early version of the Vance manuscript has been known to scholars for many years, but the latest document was offered for sale by Lloyd Ostendorf, an artist and historian of photography from Dayton, Ohio. He said that he obtained the original manuscript



Mary Lincoln: eccentric

from one Adah Sutton, an antiques collector who had employed Mrs Vance after the Lincolns. Mrs Sutton encouraged her now-aging and illiterate laundry maid to reminisce about life with the Lincolns, while she jotted it all down. Her notes, however, were not transcribed for some 50 years.

Mr Ostendorf tried to sell the manuscript during the early 1980s but its black dialect apparently made it objectionable and unpublishable. After co-editing it with Walter Oleksy, an author and former journalist with the *Chicago Tribune*, he again offered it for sale earlier this year.

The existence of Mariah Vance is probably the least disputed part of the story. Born in Southern Ohio in 1819, she married Henry Vance, a fugitive slave and the two went to Illinois where Mrs Vance was employed by the Lincolns as a laundry maid and occasional cook. She died in 1904.

Many scholars have expressed scepticism about the manuscript, while others are prepared to accept that some parts may be genuine. No one has yet gone so far as to say the memoirs are wholly genuine. The notion that Lincoln stole out in the middle of the night for a clandestine baptism is "the biggest bunch of baloney I've ever heard", says Professor Simon, while others argue that the final manuscript appears to have been so amended and augmented over the years that it has ceased to have any value as a genuine historical document.

For some, the sale of the Vance manuscript says more about America's thirst for Lincolniana than it does about the sixteenth president. "I can't believe they paid $1 million," Charles Strozier, a Lincoln biographer and historian at New York City University, told *Newsday* newspaper. "It's a marginal document — bordering on the worthless. It's just a comment on how whacky Americans have become over Lincoln stuff."

The recent controversy over the questionable scholarship in the late Alex Haley's best-selling book *Roots* has made publishers nervous when producing books where history and fantasy may merge. Precisely to avoid a repetition of the Hitler Diaries debacle, William Morrow, the publishers, has included an escape clause in its contract: if independent historians decide the memoir is a fake, then the deal can be scrapped.

The book is due to be published next February, to coincide with "Black History Month" in America and the anniversary of Lincoln's birth. "We're still very excited about the manuscript", Lisa Dawson, of William Morrow, told *The New York Times*, "but we're going to have two or three outside scholars help us make our decision. We haven't yet decided which ones. No reason to rush this."

True enough, particularly given the fact that canny American academics, mindful of their reputations, are proving notoriously unwilling to put their names against the document, one way or the other.

But whether it turns out to be fact or fiction, the Lincolns' laundry maid has already done an excellent posthumous job of washing their dirty linen in public.

BEN MACINTYRE

In an instant country garden

Alice Thomson wanders down a garden path to see what changes the rise of the designer has wrought

If Tennyson's Maud were to go into an English garden today she would be more likely to see organised gravel paths, neat herbaceous borders and miniature waterfalls than a rambling wilderness of musk roses, woodbine and lilies. The English, once a nation of gardeners, now seem to have become more interested in hiring a landscape gardener to create a manageable dream garden than getting down on their knees with their secateurs.

This week John and Jane Hoban were awarded compensation and damages over their £25,000 deluxe garden that they ordered "off the peg" from Dougie Knight, a rock-garden designer. The couple wanted an oasis of perfection complete with a waterfall, pond, three streams and ornamental bridge. Instead they got something that looked like a cross between a paddy field and a moat after Mr Knight failed to install an effective drainage system.

The Hobans are not the only ones who want instant gardens. In the seventies everyone had to have their own compost molehill at the end of an allotment and hankered after chickens, runner beans and Felicity Kendal in her dungarees on *The Good Life*. But the eighties bought back nail-scissor lawns and easy-prune trellises.

Over two-thirds of adults in this country have a garden. According to Rose Ward, research manager of *Gardening From Which*, there has been a huge increase in demand over the past few years for the add-water-and-stand-back variation. "The majority of our readers like gardens but not the effort of gardening and they are prepared to pay more to get the look they want without working. They buy bedding plants at the expense of seeds, shrubs in full bloom, mini tractors and large specimen trees which make an immediate impact. Swimming pools and tennis courts tend to take preference now over a herb garden or vegetable plot," she says.

Matthew Robinson, a London lawyer, escaped to the country two years ago to a cottage in Wallingford, Oxfordshire. The garden was a wilderness of weeds, broken play equipment and rotting cabbages so he hired a local landscape designer. "I like the Sissinghurst gardens and I wanted to create the same compartmentalised effect.

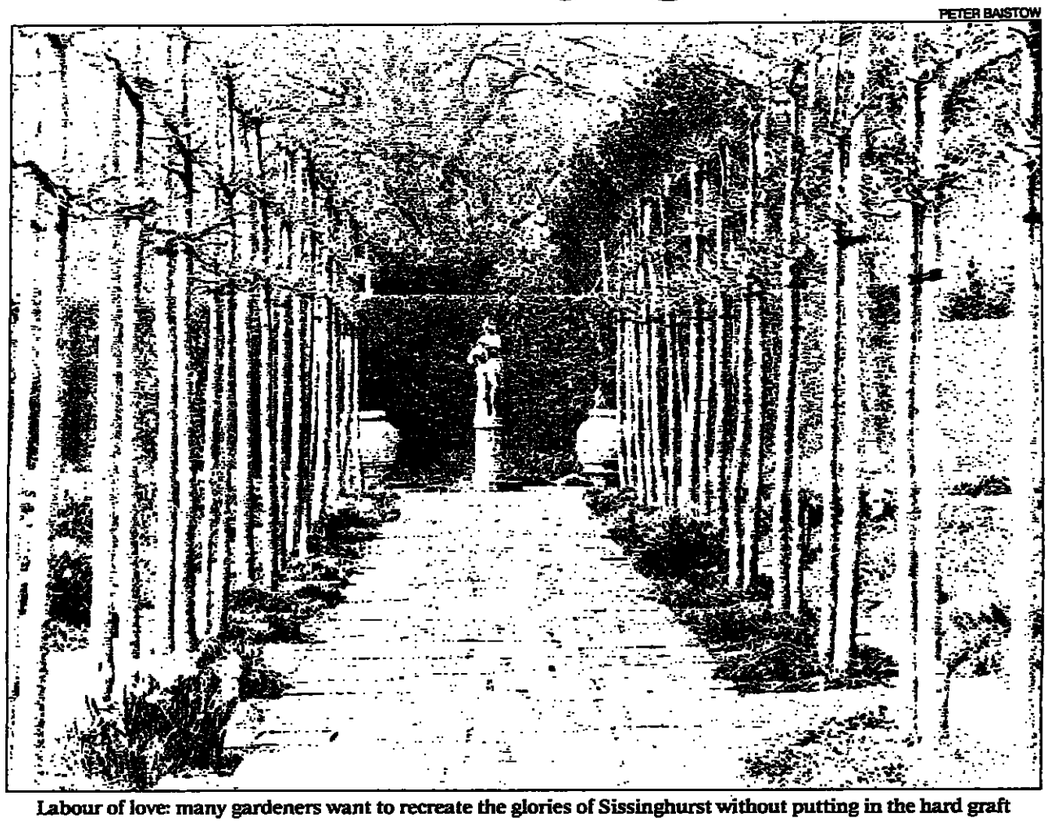
"They bought in a lorry load of plants and within three days had put in viburnum, flowering cherries, Victorian roses and a trellis. They labelled them all neatly with their Latin names. I asked for a pond as an after-thought," Mr Robinson says. "It cost less than the kitchen to install. My mother never had time to relax in her garden because she was always manically weeding but I won't have to spend ten years slaving over herbaceous borders and it adds to the value."

Forty people a year take the English Gardening School's course on garden design at the Chelsea Physic Garden and almost everyone gets a job at the end. But even Rosemary Alexander, the school's founder, flinches at the Readybrek approach to gardening. "The English are Europe's most committed practitioners of the art of the green fingers but they just don't have time anymore.

"Most clients don't want rare plants. First they ask for all year round interest. Then they seem to like lots of clashing colour and they always want it low-maintenence," she says. "We go back once a year to check. You know which clients are going to get hooked and which will just let it grow over."

So what do the people who spend their waking hours creeping around garden tool sheds and fondling rhubarb forcers and garden rakes think? The pinnacle of success for the addicted gardener is an entry in the "Yellow Book", a directory of private gardens judged good enough to open to the public. Whole episodes of *The Archers* are devoted to who has got into *Gardens of England and Wales*. Those listed spend nights killing lily beetles and days pouncing on visitors who take too keen an interest in their primulas.

PETER BAISTOW



Labour of love: many gardeners want to recreate the glories of Sissinghurst without putting in the hard graft

The number of gardens entered in the guide has doubled in the past ten years and landscape designers are permeating its pages. Penny Gluckstein, an amateur gardener, is opening her gardens in Mill Hill, north London, on May 22 and 23. "It's a highly competitive world now so a lot of gardeners look to the good designers for a boost occasionally. I have a full-time gardener and work at weekends and in the evenings so it's all systems go. People say it must be lovely to lie in the garden but we never do."

When the Glucksteins bought the house 30 years ago, they brought in Percy Cane, the Capability Brown of his day. Most of the garden is their own creation but last year they called in another designer to build a series of lakes. "The linings sprung leaks and we had to drain it a couple of times. It's a constant battle to keep the water clear but it's worth it," she says. Her husband laughs: "It's pouring money into a wet hole but it gives my wife an extraordinary amount of pleasure."

Richard Bisgrave, author of *The English Garden* and senior lecturer in landscape management, is a supporter of the landscape designer. "People are more interested in getting a garden rather than gardening now but when they see the finished effect they might get hooked," he says.

Landscape gardeners are by no means a new phenomenon. Georgian *nouvelles* sat in gardens with frilly white furniture, prime borders and a conifer copied faithfully from originals by their gardeners. Mr Bisgrave says: "It's just that, like motor cars and foreign holidays, designers are available to everyone now. And it's good employment for middle-aged women who can earn more than just pocket-money from rooting around in other people's backyards."

How to pick a hospital and stay alive



MARGOT NORMAN

When my husband was recuperating after surgery in one of those swanky private clinics near Harley Street, I used to sit by his bed late at night and hear the trundling of trolleys, accompanied by panicky whispering from the staff, as desperately sick Arabs were transferred to the nearest teaching hospital with room in its intensive care unit. This always seemed to happen after all the other visitors had gone home, which struck my suspicious mind as convenient. Convenient, also, was the fact that their deaths would be recorded not at the clinic but at the teaching hospital.

This Lady Macbeth syndrome — "What? In our house?" she cried when Duncan was found murdered — is yet another of the health warnings that should be issued alongside the post-surgical death rates in hospitals around the country that *The Times* published this week. Private hospitals do generally appear to have a respectable death rate, but that has a lot to do with midnight flits. Many of these hotel-hospitals, after all, have few facilities beyond their thick carpets and comfortable beds and, as the resident medical officer who held the fort alone at night in one of these establishments told me, "The only reason I'm working in a place like this is that it's quiet, so I can get on with swotting for my fellowship exams." The moment a patient gets really ill, he is moved.

> Patients face slovenly domestics and consultants too grand to wash their hands

I made up my mind never to be ill in Pontefract initially because the mortality figures showed you were likelier to die after surgery in its general hospital than anywhere else in the country. I stuck to the decision even when the hospital found it had muddled the figures and recorded 32 deaths instead of nine, because a hospital that cannot count corpses almost certainly cannot count pills either.

But where *should* I choose to be ill? How, as a patient, can I tell whether a hospital is any good?

Having spent a fair bit of time in the past fortnight visiting friends and family in a famous London teaching hospital, a suburban outpost of same, a district general hospital in Sussex and a small provincial version of the swanky clinic, all I know for certain is that the performance indicators under government discussion won't help me. They are all concerned with speed — getting into hospital, getting seen, and getting out — not with getting better. True, getting there before you die is crucial: the last three ambulances called in my family took almost an hour to reach the patient, let alone the hospitals concerned in north and south London and Taunton. But speed of getting out is only a positive indicator if patients are likely to get worse, not better, the longer they stay in hospital.

The alarming thing is that so many medics concede this to be the case. Their evidence may only be anecdotal, but that will have to do in a health service whose hard data are so shockingly scrappy and inaccurate. (The national confidential enquiry into perioperative deaths not only cancels its own usefulness by scrupulously giving no names with its annual figures, it also only records death in hospital within 30 days of surgery. How many patients do you know spending a month in hospital after surgery? If the patient is discharged too soon and goes off and dies at home, or at another hospital, he almost certainly won't be listed as a victim of the surgical team that *did* the damage.)

The Royal College of Nursing is running a campaign called "Operation Clean Up" to cut the number of hospital-acquired infections by improving hygiene. Needless to say, there are no statistics on these infections: rightly, the RCN thinks this is exactly the sort of information a patient needs. The reports from patients and nurses published in the *Nursing Standard* make truly sickening reading, almost on a par with Joseph Lister's reports about Glasgow Royal Infirmary when he was struggling to persuade the medical profession that carbolic acid, for dressings and hand-washing, could improve the 50 per cent death rate from sepsis on the accident ward.

In 1993 patients report stinking showers and lavatories with blood on the floor; overflowing bags of used sanitary towels; piles of rubbish including bug-rich hospital waste quietly incubating trouble in overheated wards, clouds of dust floating down from filthy light fittings into wounds which the nurses are handling with sterile gloves.

Spot-surveys regularly report that hygiene is worst at the top and bottom of the medical scale, with nurses fighting a losing battle between slovenly, untrained domestics, of whom there are only slightly more than half the number there were in 1979, and over whom nurses apparently have no jurisdiction, and consultants who are too grand and too stupid to wash their hands between patients.

To make an informed choice of hospital as a prospective patient I need to know about the post-operative infection rates, the standards of hospital housekeeping, the efficiency of its record-keeping, the amount of time doctors and nurses spend with patients as opposed to how many they treat and something about follow-up after discharge. I also need to know how likely I am to be treated by a consultant, and how likely that consultant is to have been trained in the relevant discipline (70 per cent of those who die from a leaking aortic aneurism, for instance, are operated on by a surgeon with no vascular surgery training).

And I need to know, especially in those expensive hospital-hotels, about intensive care facilities and the quality of night cover. Add in some measure of a hospital's overall morale and you have the sort of performance indicators that Mrs Bottomley should really be looking for.

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Simon Hughes replies to a minister's attack on the Church of England

Why Gummer got it wrong

John Gummer and I may have four things in common — we are both MPs, both members of the ecclesiastical committee, both members of the Church of England and both products of the same Anglican Cambridge college. We do not share either the same view of the ordination of women to the priesthood (I am enthusiastically for) or of the merit of the establishment of the Church of England (I am enthusiastically against). But more importantly, we do not share the same view either of the facts or the consequences of the November decision of the Church of England and, equally importantly, of what is now happening in the church.

Put simply, the synod's decision on women priests was not an excluding decision but an including one. The result sought by all of us involved in the paving legislation now before parliament is not to alienate or exclude the minority but to try to protect them.

In November, the synod did not vote to privatise the church but to popularise it. The measure entitles a far greater percentage of the church's members to participate more fully in the future and was agreed upon by a far



Hughes: reformer

greater proportion of the church's parliament than any measures proposed by John Gummer's government since 1979.

A church which denies women the potential of priestly ministry is hardly making itself more representative of the nation. Indeed, exactly the reverse.

The Church of England has made a virtue of the anomaly of its creation by choosing to be the national church in a way that straddles the Catholic and the reform tradition. By deciding to allow women to be priests it has done nothing unilaterally. It is one of many Anglican and non-Anglican churches moving, after prayer and careful deliberation, in the same direction.

Many Roman Catholics wish their church would do the same. It is also certainly not acting beyond its powers. The ecclesiastical committee in parliament exists to make sure of that. The majority of us also believe there is no alteration of doctrine, although of course there is an alteration of tradition. But the test of the validity of the tradition of a church is surely not its longevity but rather its relevance to the church's witness in the secular world.

It is nonsense of John Gummer or anybody else to claim that people who stay as English Anglicans believe that the General Synod's right to decide things is an article of faith. It is equally unfair to suggest that any of us assent to a doctrine that the synod is infallible. One can only offer a humble suggestion why, to the contrary, the synod might be correct. It seems likely that 1,000 prayerful souls, after 20 years of careful deliberation and the most thorough consultation, probably know our Lord's will for the church better than that a single individual.

The Church of England may have been overtaken in numbers of regular attenders by the Roman Catholic church. That might be as much because of its unrepresentative leadership as anything else. The issue of whether establishment helps or hinders the ministry is, to be honest, for the moment a red herring. We can debate that in due time.

Rather it is important to realise that while the majority has made its voice so clear and while the leadership of the church on the episcopal bench has unanimously agreed to a pastoral arrangement that will keep the church united in the future, the synod and parliament are also working to make sure that the minority who do not share this view are neither excluded nor discriminated against.

I believe the ecclesiastical committee will be able to show that both interpretations of the role of the priesthood will be compatible with continuing membership of the church. John Gummer should not conceal the prospect of this positive conclusion to such painstaking deliberations. And he should reflect that the church's witness will certainly be greatly strengthened as a result.

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Sir Denis Thatcher and early diagnosis, sex and late pregnancy, and one danger of nitrate patches

Carry on screening



SIR Denis Thatcher occupies a special place in British public life and affection for him transcends political allegiances. The press reports, which were fortunately soon denied, that Sir Denis was ill, were noticed by and saddened most of my patients, but his alleged troubles became a useful talking point because they illustrate the importance of bowel screening.

The initial report, that Sir Denis had cancer of the colon that was being treated with radiotherapy, always seemed unlikely to any doctor, for tumours of the colorectum are not radio-sensitive. Mr Roger Leicester, consultant colorectal surgeon at St George's Hospital, London, said that he could not think of circumstances in which radiotherapy would be used to treat cancer of the colon. Later, reassuring reports that Sir Denis had a small polyp, either benign or, if malignant, not invasive, seemed a more likely explanation for his attendance at the hospital.

Polyps of this sort are not treated by radiation, although they may be excised by diathermy, a heat-cutting process. The troubles of Sir Denis, who fortunately says he is as fit as a flea and only suffers from his bad back, which has plagued him for 40 years, has drawn the attention of the general public to colorectal cancer and the need for bowel screening. Sir Denis's embarrassment may indirectly save the lives of thousands: it is estimated that just a single screen in late middle age could save 3,500 lives a year.

Mr Leicester is starting a rapid access proctology (rectal) clinic at St George's which will provide treatment on the NHS, with additional funds contributed by Smith Kline Beecham and Olympus KeyMed. Hence, NHS patients wil have access to the same diagnostic facilities as those which, in the long term, may well have saved the life of the husband of a former prime minister. If successful, the St George's clinic could well prove to be the model that will be copied nationwide.

Colorectal cancer remains the second-commonest cause of death from malignant disease in Britain. Caught early, before it is obviously invasive, five-year survival rate is 95 per cent. As 90 per cent of colorectal cancers start as benign polyps, which only turn malignant as they grow larger, diagnosis at this stage should result in a cure in every case.

Despite these encouraging statistics, the present situation is gloomy. Instead of the possible 95 per cent survival rate if signs were detected early, the diagnosis is usually made so late, after the disease has become established, that the overall chance of a patient who has colorectal cancer living for five years is only between one in three and one in four.

Patients attending St George's will need a letter of referral from their own doctor but it will be a "walk-in", no-appointment clinic. This will avoid the long delay waiting for an outpatients appointment but the penalty the patients will have to pay for this service is having to wait for an hour or two once they reach the clinic.

Doctors will be encouraged to send three groups of patients to the clinic: first, those with rectal bleeding, even if it is only thought to be due to piles or fissures, and those patients who have noticed a change in their regular bowel habit — for instance, unexplained or increasing constipation or diarrhoea; second, patients with other ano-rectal symptoms, including pain; and third, those with a family history of bowel cancer or polyps.

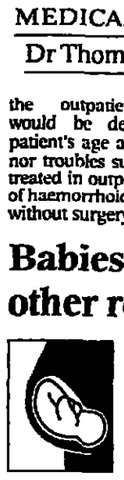
Mr Leicester said that although the general public now understands the importance of a family history in determining the chances of developing breast cancer, they still had not realised how important it was in relation to colorectal cancer. At the clinic the nature of the outpatient investigations would be determined by the patient's age and symptoms. Minor troubles such as piles will be treated in outpatients; 95 per cent of haemorrhoids can be controlled without surgery.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Babies and other relations



ALMOST invariably, women when first pregnant ask their doctors if sexual intercourse is safe during pregnancy. They will be advised that unless there is a history of repeated miscarriages, or of long term infertility no restrictions need be observed in the first six months.

If doctors tend to be rather more evasive in their reply when asked the same question in the last three months of pregnancy, they are not prevaricating because of a lack of concern but because there has been little detailed research. There has been the assumption that sexual intercourse late in pregnancy could precipitate labour, or result in the premature rupture of the membranes which, even without necessarily precipitating labour, might predispose to infection.

Recently *Monitor Weekly*, the medical magazine, has reviewed an American research project in which nearly 600 women who had either had their babies early or who had ruptured their membranes prematurely were questioned. The thoroughness with which women were grilled about their sexual practices would have done justice to Kinsey or Hite. The survey showed that, contrary to popular belief, sexual intercourse in the last three months makes little difference to the outcome of most pregnancies, although women who had either had surgery to the cervix, or had had previous early labours would be wise to limit their sexual activities.

The research found three statistically significant findings which might be important in a few other cases. There was a small but appreciable increased risk of premature rupture of the membranes and subsequent early delivery following sexual intercourse at this time, but only if the missionary, male superior, position was adopted. Other positions had no effect on the pregnancy.

It was found that if a woman had an orgasm there was a very small inference on pre-term rupture of the membranes but that this did not necessarily lead to early labour or any increase in the infection rate. Sadly, it was apparent that cigarettes are considerably more dangerous to pregnant women than men. In the last three months of pregnancy smoking was a far more important factor — in predicting complications of late pregnancy, premature rupture of the membranes, infection of the amniotic fluid and early labour — than intercourse.

Angina and the sudden burn

A DISTINGUISHED scientist said on television this week that every schoolboy who was learning chemistry knew about the possible explosive qualities of agriculture fertilisers. Long before A-level candidates had unofficially studied the means of terrorism, they had officially learnt about nitroglycerine and were well aware of its potential as an explosive agent.

Nitroglycerine is used in the nitrate patches worn by angina sufferers. The transdermal route has some advantages: the patch delivers the drug at a uniform rate and smaller doses can be used. Hence, side-effects are less common.



Nitroglycerine and Bishopsgate

Recently, ambulance and casualty doctors working in Canada have reported one unexpected side effect of the transdermal nitrate patch. When a defibrillator, the device which delivers an electric shock to the patient with the intention of re-establishing a normal heart rhythm, is applied to the chest of a patient who has had a heart attack, and who is wearing a patch, a minor but damaging explosion can occur.

The journal of the Canadian Medical Association reports that these explosions have been violent enough to cause first-degree burns to patients. Canadian patients have been warned to wear patches on their limbs rather than their trunk; and first aid workers to make a careful search of the chest wall before applying a defibrillator.

Nature's way of poisoning

Traditional Chinese herbal medicine is growing in popularity in the West. But, **Fiona Murphy** reports, 'miracle' remedies can have dangerous side effects

EVE ARNOLD/MAGNUM



Handle with care: traditional Chinese dispensaries are springing up all over but the standards of some of them are as dubious as their products

Natural has become a word which is almost synonymous with benign. In the promotional literature of alternative medicine, taking "natural" remedies is like taking your internal organs for a stroll through a Kerrygold advertisement. No multinational is making a profit out of the patient's disorder, there are no warnings of side-effects in small print and there is a general sense of communion with a forgotten, more serene past. To conventional doctors these therapies seemed to be a bit laughable, though harmless, fiddling on the fringes.

But over the past year, two double-blind, placebo-controlled tests at Great Ormond Street and the Royal Free Hospitals, London, have demonstrated that formulae based on Chinese herbal medicine have cured the most intractable and disabling atopic eczemas, which Western medicine could do nothing for. Last night a *QED* television programme titled *A Chinese Cure for Eczema?* followed the recovery of patients whose lives had been ruined. Three scabrous and distracted creatures whose frantic need to scratch gave them no peace, even in sleep, had, by the end, achieved the triumph of normality.

Chinese traditional medicine has won the respect and attention it deserves. Now clinics dispensing Chinese herbal remedies are springing up all over the country, with more than 100 already established. But alongside the folkloric remedies, a folkloric character is also back, the charlatan.

According to Dr David Atherton, consultant dermatologist at Great Ormond Street, who devised the first trial, only a handful of traditional, Chinese doctors practising in England have the appropriate training. "The Chinese are as fussy about their doctors as we are," he says. "It is a cause for enormous anxiety. This is not tea or coffee. These are real drugs. We should respect them as we do our own. Anything that cures serious disease, can't be innocuous. These herbs are only safe at the right dosage, for the right person."

The National Eczema Society, which funded Dr Atherton's trial, has received many calls over the past few months from distressed patients in the hands of therapists "with the best will in the world, but not enough knowledge". They are referred back to their GPs for immediate blood tests.

Casualties began to be reported in the medical press last year. Apart from two children on Dr Atherton's trial who developed (reversable) liver enzyme abnormalities, one woman has died of total liver failure; 58 Belgian women have permanent kidney failure after they went went on a "Chinese" herbal slimming course (no such thing exists in traditional Chinese medicine); and 17 people in Hong Kong came close to death after taking aconite, which has therapeutic uses although it is better known as arrow poison. They were being treated for a variety of ailments including rheumatism and prostate problems.

Other cases which have occurred in Britain await the publication in July of a report by the National Poisons Unit, which will conclude a two-year study of naturally occuring toxicants in traditional medicines and foods. Consultant toxicologist, Virginia Murray, the director of the study, says they have uncovered a very serious problem.

"You need to be an extremely well-qualified botanist to recognise all the plants involved and they are routinely substituted for one another by the dealers.

"You also have to know whether a plant is in good condition. The chemical make-up varies considerably depending on how it has fared as it grew. If they have grown badly, they can produce large quantities of toxic substances. If they are stored badly, they can develope microtoxins. Then there are the pesticides and herbicides. All this gets boiled up and concentrated for one and a half hours before you drink it.

"Having said that, Chinese herbal medicine is here to stay. There is no stopping it now. And why should it be stopped? All medicines have side-effects. But it should be made safe, monitored and regulated."

The British Medical Association has also swung towards regulating, rather than suppressing traditional medicines since publishing its last, broadly hostile report on alternative medicine in 1986. In its new report, due to be published in June, the BMA accepts the place of alternative medicine. The report will recommend more research as well as models of good practice and training. It proposes co-operation between therapists and GPs and standardisation of treatments.

At the moment, however, there is no way of gauging the professionalism of the various practitioners, associations and schools. Being Chinese, Dr Atherton warns, is no guarantee of anything. The high quality standardised formulae he used in his trials will be available through GPs, but achieving these standards meant that the supplier had to trace each herb back to its source in China. Treatment costs £11 per person per day. A similar mixture prescribed by a Chinese doctor would cost about £3.50. A patient may need a daily dose for years, and tapering the dosage so that the patient can finally come off, has also proved more difficult than with the unvarying constituents of drugs used in the West. Most traditional Chinese doctors do not believe in standardising their treatments. Dr Bernard Lee, of the Fook Sang School of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine, in London, says that standard formulae are not appropriate and that the diagnosis is paramount. Chinese doctors have to look at the tongue, the pulse points and diagnose conditions like "excessive humidity" or "wind" on a weekly basis, adjusting the herbal mixtures. Treatments on a continuous basis will not work on many people, and will be toxic to some. For others, there is no help from any medicines. "Some people are born to suffer."

Toxoplasmosis rarely presents any risk of lasting conditions, unless a woman is pregnant

Danger to the unborn child

As Clarrie Grundy suffered on her fevered bed at lambing time in a recent edition of *The Archers*, those of us with experience of the disease toxoplasmosis were able to suggest it as an immediate diagnosis.

As it turned out Clarrie had no more than an allergy. That her fictional GP did not appear to consider toxoplasmosis as an explanation inadvertently highlighted the impression that this disease is not as readily considered in diagnosis as it would be if government health schemes treated the disease with the seriousness it deserves.

Toxoplasmosis rarely presents risk of any lasting condition if contracted by someone fit and healthy; but its effects are potentially devastating if it is caught by the unborn child from an infected mother.

In October/ November 1992 both my wife and I suffered from what we thought was flu. We both seemed to be better when in December a lymph gland in my armpit started to swell. As I felt otherwise perfectly well, I was advised "to keep an eye on it".

By early January of this year another gland swelled in my groin and my GP became alarmed; although one swollen lymph gland can be caused by the most insignificant infection, two or more can be symptomatic of Hodgkin's disease. Accordingly he properly directed several types of blood test and I was referred to a surgeon for a biopsy which was carried out soon after.

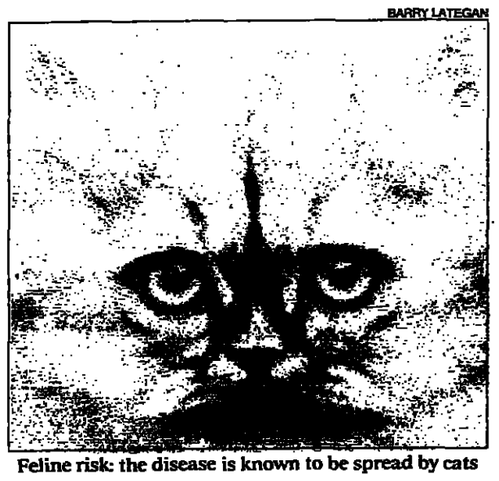
It is difficult to describe the fear that these symptoms induced, and how I felt at the prospect that I might die before our child was born. Since December we had known that my wife was pregnant.

The result of the biopsy and blood tests was that I had "nothing more serious" than toxoplasmosis for which there was no treatment necessary and from which there was nothing to fear ... unless my wife was pregnant. If I had the disease so might she, not from me but from a common source.

In the following weeks as we awaited a blood test on her, the relief that I was well was replaced by fear worse than any we had experienced before. We learnt what the consequences of proved infection in her might mean for the baby: anything from acute brain damage to mild impairment of eyesight.

The blood test was positive and indicated that my wife had been recently infected — almost certainly at the time of conception. Immediately we were asked to decide whether we wanted to terminate the pregnancy.

BARRY LATEGAN



Feline risk: the disease is known to be spread by cats

Sympathetically our consultant explained that the state of current knowledge of this disease is limited. Although it is prevalent — and known to be spread in uncooked meat, in cat litter, in contaminated garden soil as well as from new-born lambs — there is no screening carried out among pregnant women or those planning pregnancy to enable doctors to know with confidence how prevalent it is.

The government will not fund a screening programme, as it does for rubella, ostensibly because the incidence of this disease is rare. But the government simply cannot know how rare the contraction and effects of this disease are because it has not funded any screening programme over any appreciable period of time to answer those questions.

What limited research material there is tells us this: if a mother is infected it does not necessarily mean that the baby will become infected in the womb. (The placenta operates quite successfully as a filter, but not always so and it becomes less efficient at this task as the pregnancy continues.) And not all babies infected in the womb are born affected. But if a baby is infected in early pregnancy the risks of serious affection are all the greater.

And so there remains an agonising wait. We do not know if our baby has or has had this disease and if it has, what the effect will be. Indeed, in some cases, it is known that the infection can lie dormant for several years.

Toxoplasmosis antibodies have shown in the baby's blood but these may have passed through the placenta and may not be evidence of infection.

Meanwhile my wife is taking medication which can only be described as experimental. It has been shown in some tests in France (where they take this disease seriously) to combat the infection. But it may have side effects for my wife and it is not known the extent to which it may affect the baby.

Screening will not of itself prevent infection. But it would help prevent couples like us trying to conceive until the infection has been dealt with.

It would also help with the development of an established treatment, indeed perhaps a vaccine. There is one for sheep. Who knows how many seriously and not so seriously handicapped children have been so handicapped by this particular disease? Certainly not the government.

Wider publicity for this disease will assist both the medical profession in its diagnosis and treatment and those who have to cope with it. Sterling work is done in this respect by the Toxoplasmosis Trust, founded in 1989 by the parents of a child born affected by this disease.

The producers of *The Archers* have missed a good storyline. Sadly, too, an opportunity to promote the campaign for screening for this wretched disease passed with it.

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Loopholes in rules for bankruptcies

Agents are angry at the lack of coherent safeguards for package operator failures

Anger over the goverment's handling of EC directives on protecting package holidaymakers from tour company failures comes to a head next week when some tour operators will have to pay insurance premiums ten times higher than last year.

Firms which presently bond their non-licensable turnover with the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta) could be driven out of business, while others will be forced to quit the association.

Premiums for short-fall insurance, which covers travellers if bonds are insufficient, have gone up from 45p per £1,000 of cover to £4.25. First instalments must be paid by May 5, the full amount by August 1.

The issue is one of many anomalies that have arisen out of the implementation of the new EC directive on package travel.

Abta this week accused the government of making "a totally botched job" of the new EC rules. The consumer now has a right to protection but has been given "no guarantee whatsoever", Mike Grindrod, Abta's president, says.

Many travel companies still do not understand the new rules and there were still likely to be occasions when holidaymakers did not get money back in the event of an operator collapsing, he says. "We think there are significant loopholes. As the rules stand, a small operator who has a disaster on his hands will just go into liquidation and there would be very little chance of holidaymakers getting their money back.

"Last year a non-Abta company — Bath-based Land Travel, which specialised in cut-price foreign coach holidays — collapsed leaving 5,000 stranded abroad," he says. "In all, about 30,000 people lost money. There may be another Land Travel incident. If there is, the government will be exposed."

Abta has about 3,000 members, but it is estimated that there are as many as 30,000 companies offering travel. Under the new rules, all these companies must offer protection to their clients in the event of a collapse. Abta maintains that the government has failed to introduce a system that adequately monitors companies to see if they are following the rules.

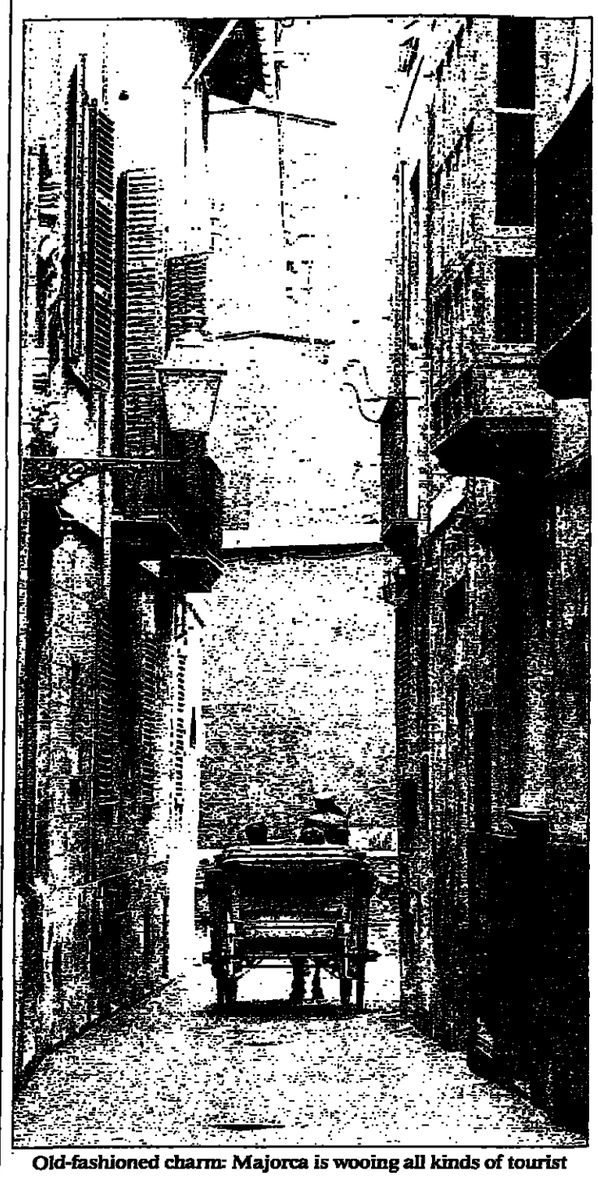
The directive was first adopted by the EC in June 1990, but the Department of Trade and Industry took more than two years to release its plans for implementation. According to the Consumers' Association, tour operators were not given enough time to ensure that their booking conditions comply with the regulations or to set up adequate financial protection measures.

> Some operators will have to pay premiums ten times higher than last year

The government also rejected proposals for a licensing authority, supported in principle by the travel trade. The Consumers' Association says that "the government has managed at one fell swoop to alienate the entire travel trade, which has to comply with the regulations; trading standards officers who had to police them; and the consumers who will be left confused and with their money still potentially at risk. We are unaware of anyone connected with the travel trade who has a good word to say about the proposed method of protecting consumers' money."

PETER VICTOR

Majorca moves up-market



Old-fashioned charm: Majorca is wooing all kinds of tourist

In the past five years the Balearic government has spent millions on the island, says Harvey Elliott

The Balearic island of Majorca has been chosen as the model to set the standard for future tourist developments throughout Europe. The island has proved so successful in changing its down-market image that the EC is funding a year-long £500,000 research programme to work out how Majorca did it and where mistakes might have been made.

Researchers from Munich University will have completed their detailed report by the end of this year and will then create a textbook for other islands and popular holiday destinations to copy. Rhodes is likely to be the first destination to follow Majorca's example and others are expected to tag on later.

Martin Brackenbury, chairman of the Tour Operators Study Group which is running the research programme, says: "In the past five years there has been a remarkable change and the entire tourist industry throughout Europe is keen to discover how they did it and to use their experience as a possible blueprint for their own developments."

The transformation has cost the Balearic government more than £111 million and was pushed through in the face of fierce opposition from builders and others who had come to rely on the cheap and cheerful down-market image to make quick profits.

More than 40,000 beds will be taken out of the island's stock, old and ugly hotels have been pulled down, millions of trees planted, roads improved and marketing concentrated on the many cultural centres and exclusive hotels away from the popular centres such as Magaluf, Arenal and Palma Nova.

Hoteliers have been forced to modernise using their own money or face being closed down. At least 45 per cent of the island has been declared a protected area with no development allowed. The island's sewage disposal system is now regarded as the most sophisticated and modern in Europe, with no discharges allowed into the sea.

Now the island is to introduce a new ban on families crowding into cheap apartment rooms. From next year, parents will have to have a separate room for children over the age of 12. With the huge surge in demand for low priced self-catering accommodation, however, some tour operators believe Majorca may now have gone too far. Kevin Welch, marketing director of Pickfords Travel, said that up to 280,000 visiting families from throughout Europe would not move into higher grade accommodation — as many hoteliers on the island who pressed for the legislation had hoped — but would switch to Greece, Turkey or Cyprus.

> 'Majorca is a clear example of what can be done to improve the busiest destinations'

Other tour operators believe that the scheme could be unworkable because of the number of people making flight-only bookings. They find cheap apartments in which any number of people can be housed. Jaime Cladera, the island's tourism minister, is determined to push the legislation through, however. He argues that as a result of the changes, Majorca has bucked the trend by increasing tourism.

Last year, 1.9 million British visitors came to the Balearic islands as a whole, an increase of 11.8 per cent over 1991 and similar increases are expected this year. But numbers for France, Germany and other countries are down as they struggle with the recession, which means an overall increase of only 2.2 per cent.

As so many of the island's 500,000 population rely on the five million tourists for their income, it is essential that Majorca continues its drive for increased quality.

Eduardo Gamero, marketing director for the tourist board, says: "For too many years development in Majorca was too quick and anarchic. Private developers built cheap high-rise accommodation all along the coast and then we suffered badly from the publicity caused by lager louts in the 1980s. The Balearic islands are now autonomous and we are determined to change the remaining bad image which many still have."

Despite the many high quality attractions, such as a new Miró arts centre, Chopin's favourite home in Valdemosa and Robert Graves's house high in the hills above Deia, more than 70 per cent of visitors still head straight for the beaches where they remain.

"We do not want to become an exclusive up-market destination, but one which attracts people from every social stratum," Mr Gamero says. Judging by the large number of expensive yachts in the marina at Palma and the 92 per cent satisfaction rating of Thomson holidays' customers, the measures taken have succeeded.

"What has happened in Majorca over the past five years is a clear example of what can be done to improve the environment of even the busiest and most popular destinations," says Charles Newbold, managing director of Thomson. Majorca is still the most important destination to Thomson, with one in five of its customers choosing the island.

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☐ SEVEN of St Lucia's small hotels have joined forces to provide holidaymakers with discounts on accommodation, car hire and local shopping. Accommodation starts at $25 (about £16) a night for the summer (April 1 to December 15). The hotels — Dubois, E's Serenity Lodge, Candyo, Humming Bird, Beach Haven, Caribbees and Tapion Reef — are also offering discounts of up to 25 per cent on car hire. Shopping is 10 per cent off at selected shops in the Gablewoods mall, Castries, and at Pointe Seraphine.

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No need to do without that genuine pinta

Spanish resorts are now awash with fresh British milk

Real British milk is at last available on supermarket shelves in Spain — ending the frustration faced by millions of British holidaymakers and expatriates who have, until now, had to rely on long-life "milk" to put in their tea.

The first cartons of the frozen, homogenised milk from Jersey and Guernsey cows were flown into Benidorm on April 5 and sold out almost immediately.

The milk — said to be indistinguishable from the gold top variety delivered to British doorsteps — is produced by Quality Milk Producers Ltd of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, which spent three years working with the Milk Marketing Board to find a way of freezing milk in a way which did not destroy its taste.

They finally discovered that by pushing fresh milk through a tiny hole at a pressure of more than 2,000 lb per square inch, then freezing it immediately, the fat was broken up and dispersed evenly throughout the carton.

"We first launched the product in Gibraltar and it went so well that we decided to move into southern Spain this month," says Steve Baker, of Quality Mill Producers, a co-operative involving 850 individual farmers throughout England and Wales.



"We hoped that it would go tolerably well and sent the first batch to ten supermarkets, but within days 59 had ordered supplies and after seven days we had sold as much as we hoped to have done in a month.

"It is clear that the locals, as well British holidaymakers and residents have been forced to drink UHT for decades and don't like it. They had been longing for real fresh British milk and the new treatment process which has been developed has finally given it to them."

Juan Ruiz, the director of tourism for Benidorm, says: "We welcome three quarters of a million British visitors each year and while most like to try local drinks, including the variety of Spanish coffees, many really do miss a good cup of tea."

Now the company hopes to extend its range of outlets throughout the Mediterranean resorts, beginning with the Costa del Sol in June.

Its range of products, breakfast milk, gold top double cream and gold top clotted cream, can be used up to 14 weeks after being frozen.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

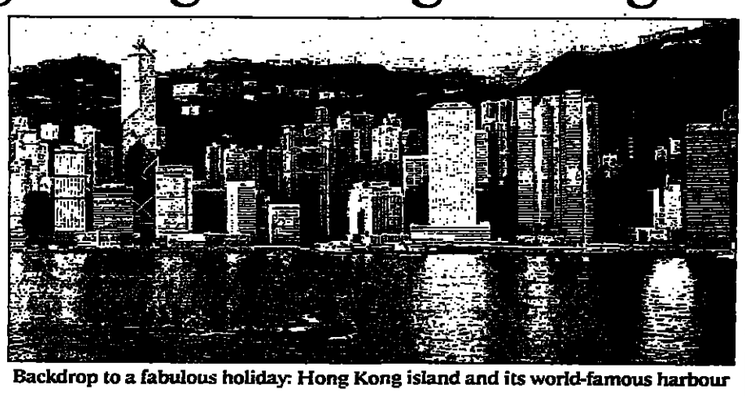
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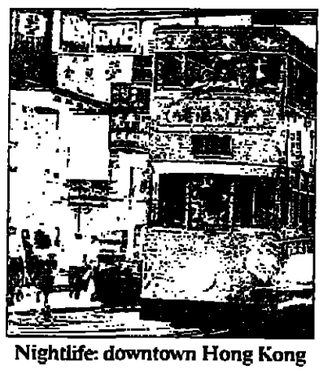


Backdrop to a fabulous holiday: Hong Kong island and its world-famous harbour

Teeming with colourful sights, bustling with bargains and superb eating places, Hong Kong is the Orient's liveliest attraction, a place travellers visit again and again. The only problem for most people is the cost of flights and hotels. Until now, that is.

The Times has secured a limited number of places for a five or six-night holiday in the Crown colony organised by British Airways in association with Silverbird Travel.

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● The cost of the holiday staying at the Mandarin Oriental for five nights is £699 per person sharing a twin room (single supplement £340); or six nights for £759 (s.s. £408). *Times* readers are guaranteed harbour-view rooms.

● The cost of staying at the Century Hong Kong for five nights is £499 (single supplement £125); or six nights for £524 (s.s. £150).

Hotel meals are not included in the price, because most people visiting Hong Kong prefer to feel free to get out and about and enjoy eating at the host of different restaurants — both ashore and on boats — in this gourmet's paradise where there is a range of menus to suit every pocket.

Getting there is easy. There is a choice of two British Airways holiday flights — the first leaving on Thursday June 10 and the other on Sunday June 20. Both flights leave London Heathrow at 2.30pm and arrive in Hong Kong next day at 10.45am (local time). Complimentary drinks and meals will be served throughout the flights. Hotel transfers are included in the holiday price.

Once you have settled into your hotel and rested, you are free to explore the best the colony has to offer, both on the island or across the harbour in Kowloon and out in the New Territories.

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Brochure? Browse on television

Firms are looking at ways to cut down on printing costs

The advance of technology is benefiting both agents and operators who are increasingly aware of the colossal wastage of brochures, particularly as their high colour content make most unsuitable for recycling.

Thomas Cook this week began taking "pages" on Teletext to promote the holidays of Owners Abroad, a company in which it has a 20 per cent stake. It is Cook's first foray into the medium and parallels research into other forms of electronic booking.

Customers will still make their bookings at one of Cook's 340 branches or through the company's head offices in Peterborough. But the principle of browsing through an electronic holiday brochure is set to expand. "It is a very interesting proposition," John Donaldson, managing director of the company, says.

Tour operators that sell holidays direct, cutting out the travel agent, have been about for 20 years. However, they have managed to take only a small share of the package holiday market, with 95 per cent of holidaymakers preferring to book through agents.

The number of travel agents having personal computers is also increasing, which allows for the storage of brochures on disc. Images of hotel rooms and facilities can then be shown and printed out for customers.

With 100 million holiday brochures produced every year, wastage is immense. An agent takes on average one booking for every 12 summer holiday brochures produced. For destinations such as Kenya, with its own brochure, the conversion rate can rise to 1:35.

Conscious of its image, the travel industry is pressing ahead with new technology that can reduce the brochure stockpile. With agents also working on a basic 10 per cent commission, the cost of storage and disposal is another pressing factor.

Yet research continues to show that a brochure is regarded as part of the total holiday experience, with people enjoying the chance to browse at leisure.

STEVE KEENAN



ROB KISS

A chorus in the Caribbean: the company from Opera Interludes, in a glorious setting, offers a taste of what Barbados could offer if it held an international festival

Perfection made better

The appeal of Barbados appears to be waning. **John Young** discovers how the island is trying to lure back the tourists

Barbados, an established favourite of well-heeled British and American tourists, is facing increasing competition from other Caribbean resorts. To try to regain its favoured status, it played host this month to a visiting opera group, an event which, it is hoped, could pave the way to a fully fledged international festival.

If the ghost of Mozart had by some chance found himself in the vicinity over Easter, he would have had something of a surprise. Papageno cavorting and tootling among the bougainvillaea and hibiscus, Zerlina being wooed against the background of a palm-fringed beach.

Surprised no doubt, but just as surely enchanted. For this was the first visit by a touring company to an island which, when Mozart was composing *Don Giovanni* and *The Magic Flute*, was a boisterous and frequently bloody outpost of the British Empire, reeking of rum and piracy, where English adventurers made fortunes in sugar and where slaves toiled in the cane fields.

As a festival, it made no great pretensions. Half a dozen young singers supplied by Opera Interludes, a west London firm that specialises in staging performances on cruise ships and in country houses. The group gave three performances, a truncated *La Traviata*, a still more truncated Magic Flute and a selection of your favourite Mozart hits. But the singers looked and played their parts admirably, and the audiences loved it. The champagne flowed, lavish picnics — banquets might be a better word — were set out on pink and white tablecloths, and above all there were the incomparable settings.

La Traviata was performed on Holy Saturday in the grounds of Heron Bay, an extraordinary Greek Doric mansion by the sea. For The Magic Flute, on Easter Monday, we went to Holders, one of the great plantation houses. The final pot-pourri of Mozartiana took place in the Royal Pavilion, a splendid hotel on an estate formerly owned by Sir Edward Cunard, the shipping magnate.

Barbados badly needs to boost its flagging tourist fortunes. Although deservedly a popular destination, with easy-going and impeccably mannered people, its position is being challenged by islands such as Antigua and St Lucia.

Without tourism, the economy would be in dire trouble, and the island's relatively high standard of living under threat. Cane fields lying derelict, or ploughed up to provide building lots or pasture for cattle, attest to the decline in the once great sugar industry. Earlier this month the unthinkable happened when some supermarkets ran out of sugar and others had to ration their customers, because everything being produced was needed to fulfil export commitments. Unemployment is high, and drugs are menacing the country's hitherto law-abiding reputation.

Despite these worries, it is still an enchanting place. For those who, like me, feel that lying on the beach under an umbrella in the noonday sun has its limitations, there is plenty to explore, particularly the great houses which once belonged to the plantation owners.

One of the best of them is Sunbury, which dates from 1660, not long after the first settlers arrived on the then uninhabited island. Bought and restored by Keith and Angela Melville, it is now largely a museum; the public rooms are furnished in elegant Georgian style, the bedrooms are Victorian period pieces, and the grounds and outbuildings house a wonderful collection of horse-drawn buggies and agricultural machinery.

Other houses well worth a visit include Villa Nova, once the home of Sir Anthony Eden and containing some of his furniture and china, and the Jacobean St Nicholas Abbey, which is not an abbey at all but the centrepiece of a still-functioning plantation.

A short drive to the top of Cherry Tree Hill reveals one of the island's greatest surprises; the wild, rocky and beautiful Atlantic coast where huge waves break on almost deserted beaches. It was here that the first tourists came for the healthy sea breezes at a time when the west coast, now wall-to-wall hotels, was a mosquito-ridden mangrove swamp. It is still favoured by Bajans for family outings.

Watching the surfers from the windows of the turn-of-the century Atlantis hotel in the tiny village of Bathsheba, or drinking what must be the world's finest rum punch in the delightful Kingsley Inn, it is hard to believe that the utterly different Caribbean coast is less than a dozen miles away.

● *For $25 (about £16) the Barbados National Trust offers a "passport" which gives admission to 11 properties, including St Nicholas Abbey, Sunbury, Villa Nova, the Barbados Museum in Bridgetown and the glorious Andromeda botanical gardens near Bathsheba.*

TRAVELOGS

Eastern attraction

OVER 604,000 visitors from overseas stayed in British youth hostels last year, an increase of 5.5 per cent on the previous year, according to the Youth Hostel Association. The biggest increase came in the number of visitors from Eastern Europe. The number of domestic members of the association fell from 306,000 in 1991 to 278,000 last year.

Cyprus action

CYPRAIR Holidays (071-388 7515), the tour operating arm of Cyprus Airways, is offering a no-surcharge guarantee and £30 per person off its brochure prices. The Cypriot tourist industry has suffered from the weak pound and from raising its prices too high after last year's flood of visitors. Many of the island's hotels are cutting prices or offering special deals, such as reduced child rates.

Safety first

MORE than half the people who hire cars do so because they cannot rely on their own vehicles for long trips, according to the rental company, EuroDollar. A survey by the company showed that 82 per cent of hirers owned cars of their own; 56 per cent said the main reason for hiring was to have a more reliable vehicle and 20 per cent wanted a bigger car than the one they owned.

Wise parking

HIGHLIFE London and U.K. Breaks (0800 700400) is offering deals at airport hotels, including free parking. Travellers stay overnight at a hotel and can then park their cars there for two weeks for an inclusive price substantially below that of using long-term airport car parks. An overnight stay at the Shepperton Moat House Hotel Heathrow, including breakfast, plus free parking for 15 nights costs £32 per person. Long-term parking at Heathrow costs up to £98 for two weeks. Thirteen airport hotels used by Highlife offer free parking. Many also have courtesy coaches to the airports.



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Philip Howard



■ Come on you boarders, time to stand up for the old place!

Order, called the good-looking boy in Eton collar and bum-freezer jacket. "Leaving out of the register: such prototypes as Chaucer's student and the class of Holofernes, I think I am the oldest character in the long tradition of English school fiction, which is more than a genre: it's an institution. We have called this meeting to discuss the threat to our Nearly-Nearly land of dormitories and study feasts, construe and cribbing, madcap japes and school matches won off the last ball. The latest report shows that the middle-classes are ceasing to send their children to boarding-school. If that were to happen, what would become of us? Readers will stop believing that the British ever sent their children away from home at the age of six to be trained by Mr Chips and Miss Brodie. The occupation of fictional academies from Mallory Towers to Brookfield will be gone, and the stock of harmless books impoverished."

"You're a sentimental prig, Tom Brown," sneered a coarse-looking boy two years older than the previous speaker, having fortified himself with a long pull at a plain bottle that looked as though it contained something stronger than liquorice sherbet. "Thomas Hughes's mawkish propaganda about Rugby never did Harry Flashers any good. I was libelled as the bully, and had to wait for a century after I left school for George MacDonald Fraser to put my record straight. Boarding school stories are bunk."

A hubbub of dissent and approval rocked the mock-Gothic hammerbeams of Upper School, which was packed with children of every age from six to 18 in a floribunda of uniforms in every colour from pea-green to old magenta. Here, goddess-like, strode the stately heroines of Angela Brazil, with names like Peggy of the Sixth, leaving in their wakes giggles of adoring fourth-formers with pashes. There in surplices stood, as good as Golding, Piggy and Jack and the other choristers from *Lord of the Flies*. Through the oriel windows came the hum of lawnmowers on Lower Sixpenny, and the screams of an under-gardener who was being debagged behind the pavilion by sportive maiderns from St Trinian's. Inside the great hall, stage of a thousand encounters between children and authority, the air was thick with ink bombs and purple prose.

"Ouch, yaroooooh, lemme speak, you beasts," cried a fat, bespectacled schoolboy in tight check trousers, against which the boots and canes of his seniors were thudding in frenzied tattoo. "Most of *my* readers never went near a boarding-school. Greyfriars is a fantasy world where everything will be the same for ever and ever, even when, as in other countries, only bad or abandoned children are sent away to board. My postal order will always be on the way, and there will always be doughnuts in the tuck shop."

"The everlasting implausibility of our saga will be terrific, my esteemed fat Bunter," interjected Hurree Jamset Ram Singh.

"I suppose that school stories, which lit up the political psychology of the British Empire with their strange blend of schoolboy anarchism and imperial virtues, have lost part of their function," said Stalky.

"Come to my arms, my Beamish boy," carolled M'Turk. "You sound as pompous as Prout."

"Nonsense," cried Beetle. The English school story has older and odder roots even than Dr Arnold. Where do you find young men sent away from home on quests as esquires of sixth-form knights? Where do they feast together at long tables in a great hall smelling of roast fat and cabbage? Where do you meet damsels in distress, who are always rescued from the dragons of false accusations? Where does Daisy always pull it off, if not at Camelot, numskulls. The stories of King Arthur's college are the oldest literature in the land. They are even known as the Matter of England. The perils and pleasures of boarding school are the British *Bildungsroman*, and would survive even the improbable event of the closure of Eton and Cheltenham Ladies' College."

A chorus of boos, yarooohs and sucks rose from the packed hall. St custard's, I regret to report, hav not changed during the debate, though it may hav got WORSE, and they hav soppy girls and LUV at Camelot College. Boo, SUCKS. The Matter of the British boarding-school story looks certain to last until lights out in the dorms of the world.

The first lady's proposals for the US health services will be crucial for the president, says **Ben Macintyre**

Hillary's delicate bill of health

For the past two months, the Old Executive Office Building in Washington DC has been the setting for the most intensive policy-wonking operation in US history: almost every day about 400 health care experts, from every part of the industry, have trooped inside in order to dissect and offer prescriptions for America's vast and sickly health care system.

The project bears every hallmark of the woman in charge, Hillary Rodham Clinton, from the breathtaking quantity of paperwork produced to the top-heavy jargon on the office doors, indicating where the swarms of physicians, economists and administrators should go for their next round of discussions: the "Cross Cutting Group on Issues Concerning Persons with Disabilities" is pointed one way, the "Managed Care and Low Income Providers Discussion Group" another.

The results of these deliberations will shortly be presented to the US Congress and America: they may change the future of the American health care system, and they will certainly decide the political fate of the first lady, who remains the most controversial figure in the administration.

The 15 committees and 34 subcommittees that make up the President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform — of which Mrs Clinton is the chairwoman — last month came up with a staggering 1,100 initial decisions to be made on how the $930 billion a year industry should be overhauled. These are now being refined into a package of reforms, and by the middle of next month Mrs Clinton will be ready to present her final plan.

The first 100 days have been testing enough for Bill Clinton, but at least he has 1,360 left in which to make amends: no such opportunity is open to his wife, whose political reputation is likely to be made or broken on this single set of initiatives. Although she has gone to great lengths to emphasise that whatever reforms the Task Force presents will be the president's, this will essentially be her plan, as they both well know, and its reception may be, in part, a referendum on the first lady and the intensely activist style she has brought to the job.

Many Americans are still uneasy about Mrs Clinton's high profile in the new administration, and this feeling has been exacerbated by the air of secrecy surrounding the health care deliberations. "This is not a nuclear bomb programme," said the ever-present Ross Perot on Monday. Hillary's appointment as Health Tsarina back in January prompted grumbling about nepotism and Republican complaints of government by "Billary". Democrats responded that Robert Kennedy had also enjoyed instant access to his brother, President Kennedy, without any lasting damage to the body politic — which did little to calm the fears of those who argued that sacking a brother (particularly if you happen to be a Kennedy) is one thing, while sacking a wife is quite another.

Yet amid all the brouhaha over Mrs Clinton's appointment, even her severest critics acknowledge that by temperament and experience Hillary Clinton is well suited to this, one of the hardest jobs in government. Moreover, some argue, her position means she can tackle such a momentous task in the certainty that she will be supported by the president.

Bill Clinton has, in the words of *The New York Times*, "staked his presidency on a vow to control health costs and guarantee coverage for all Americans", including the 35 million Americans currently outside the system. It is a truly mammoth task, to which Mrs Clinton has risen with all the considerable grit at her disposal.

Even before it has been presented, the health plan is being hailed as "the most comprehensive piece of social legislation since the New Deal" — which is, of course, a very different thing from saying it will work. The legislative package is expected to involve higher taxes to cover the initial added costs, and this may prove a bitter pill for the American public.

While outwardly holding their fire, the formidable special interests of the health industry are already mobilising for a lobbying battle royale, while the White House in turn is planning a public education campaign for when the reforms are finalised, complete with free information lines and explanatory videos.

From all of this, Hillary Clinton has emerged as an even more steely and competent political operator than her best friends and worst enemies predicted. Never happier than when sitting in a conference room, earnestly delving through the minutiae of policy-making with notebook in hand, Mrs Clinton has toured the country being briefed by health workers, chatting to their patients and softening up America with a public relations blitz strongly reminiscent of the Clinton election campaign.

But the strain is also beginning to tell. Her wintry smile is seen more often now; the practised palm-off to journalists, full of words and platitudes, comes more easily. As she charged from one meeting to another, Mrs Clinton recently admitted to "worrying, worrying, worrying about all this". She has good reason. Even before the specifics of her plan are known, just about every concerned group, from chiropractors to the elderly to the vast pharmaceutical companies, has cautioned darkly against one type of reform or another.

The stakes are extraordinarily high, and Bill Clinton stands badly in need of a victory. In the words of Democratic Senator John D. Rockefeller 4th, "Health care reform may be the most gigantic legislative undertaking in the history of Congress".

If Hillary Clinton's reforms succeed they will put the seal on a political relationship between the president and his first lady that is unprecedented in American history; but if they fail, it will be a double blow to President Clinton, presenting him with a problem no other president has ever had to face: what to do with a wife who has failed politically?

Divinity that all may glimpse

We should not be afraid to acknowledge mystical experiences, despite the sceptical attitudes of the West's secular society

Last Sunday I went down to Oxford to give a sermon in Oriel College chapel. The service was a choral evensong, one of the traditional services of the Church of England. The chaplain, Nigel Biggar, conducted it with great reverence; the provost was in his pew. I do not much like giving lay sermons because it feels like presumption, but the atmosphere was so peaceful and so friendly that I found I could speak with ease.

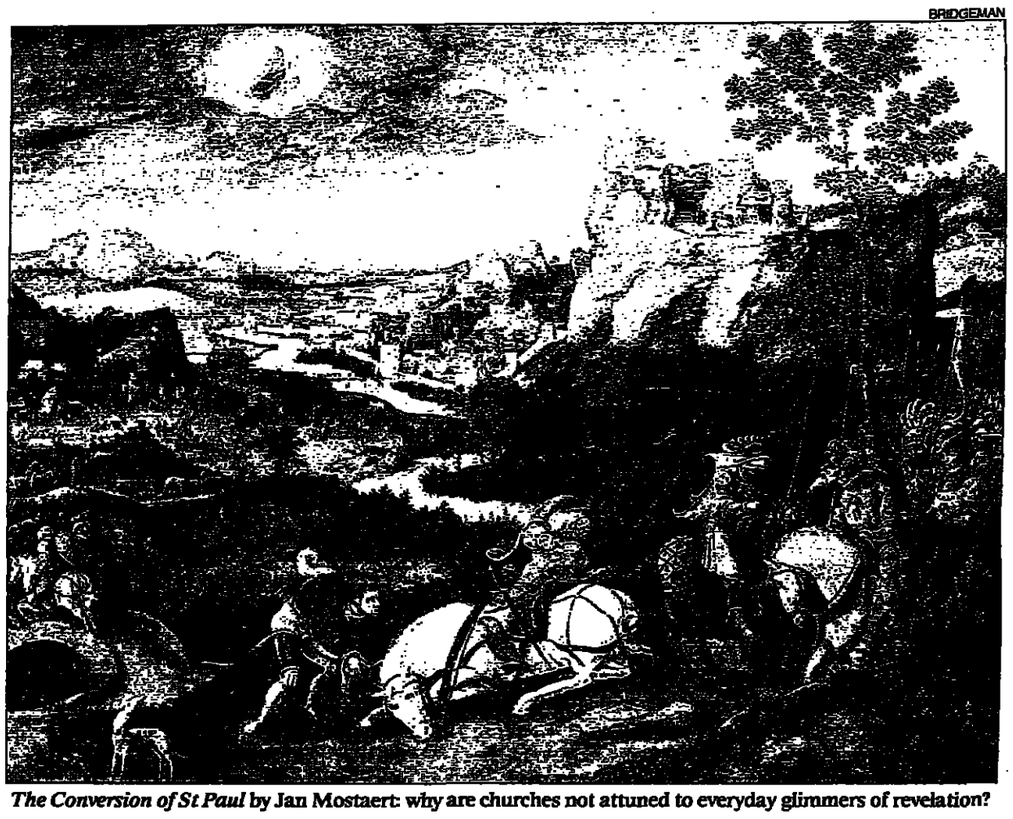
The chaplain of Oriel occupies what were Cardinal Newman's rooms when he was a fellow here in the 19th century. Between these rooms and the chapel there is a small oratory where Newman used to pray, with windows looking out over the front quadrangle. I asked whether the carved prie-dieu had been Newman's; the flap was lifted up to show a neat card which stated that it was on loan from Downside Abbey, was believed to have come originally from the Portuguese Embassy chapel in London, and was the property of the parish of Midsomer Norton. As I have been going to Mass in Midsomer Norton for the past 60 years, it made me feel at home.

I was preaching on the subject of conversion, partly from the point of view of William James's *Varieties of Religious Experience*, which is still, after 90 years, the founding work of the study of religious psychology. William James was the leading American philosopher and psychologist of his day, the elder brother of Henry James, the novelist. He was fascinated by the experience of sudden conversion, as of St Paul on the road to Damascus. After his conversion, St Paul was blind for three days, so great was the spiritual shock. William James was very familiar with the conversion evangelism of the Protestant sects of New England, and of course of John Wesley, the greatest converter of souls in modern Christian history.

I found it comfortable to be in a place, and in company, where faith is still natural, where the Christian system of belief and of values still seems to be normal rather than unusual or obsolete. Of course Christian faith in Oriel College goes back a long way, far behind Newman. The college was founded, rather surprisingly, by King Edward II, who is also associated with Gloucester Cathedral; it was loyal to King Charles I in the Civil War (he made it his military staff headquarters), and was attended by the great Anglican theologian Joseph Butler. Even he, in 1756, wrote: "It has come, I know not how, to be taken for granted, by many persons, that Christianity is not so much as a subject for inquiry; but that it is now, at length, discovered to be fictitious." The decline of Christian belief in England has been going on for a very long time.

What is remarkable is not that people are still losing their faith — that is merely sad — but that so many people are still finding faith. We are all bathed in the prejudices of scepticism, day and night. Although there are religious programmes on television, some of which are very good, the great majority of television output has no Christian or religious content whatsoever, and much of what we see is not just non-Christian but anti-Christian in its assumptions. At some periods in the past, and in some countries, such as Poland today, the passage of ordinary life has reinforced belief. But not in England now.

Yet people do seem to have a God-shaped hole in their heads, and if it is not filled by Christianity, or one of the great religions of the world, it seems often to be filled by cults, which range from the admirable to the atrocious. Even the bad cults give people something they plainly need, a sense of spiritual reality, companionship, a structure of belief, authority. They would no doubt be much better off with the wisdom of a great religion, but sometimes the religions, or at least the Christian churches, do not reach them.



BRIDGEMAN

The Conversion of St Paul by Jan Mostaert: why are churches not attuned to everyday glimmers of revelation?

William Rees-Mogg

Studies by Dr David Hay, published by the Alister Hardy Research Centre, suggest about 60 per cent of people in England have had something they can recognise as a religious experience. It takes many forms: a strong sense of the unity of the natural order, ecstasy, a personal sense of the presence of God, perhaps in the person of Christ, an impulsion to awe and worship. Those feelings, which are present, if only as brief glimpses, in so many lives, are the experience on which religious conversion is based.

This is what the churches know, but I doubt whether it is what the churches act upon. The personal religious experience has seldom been better described than in St Augustine's *Confessions*, a book written 1,500 years ago but with the psychological excitement of the most penetrating modern literature. Augustine was converted by his mother, Monica, also a great saint. They went to Ostia, a port near Rome, from which they planned to return to Carthage. They were leaning on a window looking out at the garden of the house where they were staying. They talked together about God and the lives of the blessed in Heaven.

> And our discourse came to that point, that the highest pleasure of the carnal sense, and that in the brightest beam of corporal righteousness, was in respect of the sweetness of that life not only not worthy of comparison, but not so much as of mention . . . Yea we soared higher yet, by inward musing and discourse upon thee, and by admiring of thy works.
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> And last of all, we came to our own souls which we presently went beyond that we might advance as high as that region of never-wasting plenty, where life is that wisdom by which all these things are made, and which have been, and which are to come. And this wisdom is not made, but it is as this present, as it ever has been, and so shall it ever be, seeing that the terms to "have been" and to "be hereafter", are not at all in it but to "be now", for that it is eternal . . .
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> While we were thus discussing and straining ourselves after it, we arrived to a little touch of it with the whole stroke of our hearts, and we sighed and even then we left behind us the first fruits of our spirits enshrined unto it . . .

When Augustine and his mother had this religious experience, neither knew that she was about to fall sick with the fever from which she died. St Monica is buried at Ostia. There are, of course, thousands of other accounts of direct spiritual experience of this kind, and they come in the literature of all religions. In Christianity, the most direct account of Jesus's own mystical revelations comes in the middle of St John's Gospel. If these experiences, in their lesser forms, were very rare, then few people could be expected to proceed to the stage of religious faith. But they are common. Most people have had them.

The difficulty seems to be that people are afraid to acknowledge them for what they are, and are certainly shy when it comes to telling other people about them. In a religious culture, such experiences are regarded as completely normal, and very valuable. People can discuss them freely, and realise that many others have them as well. In a dry land, where religion has become suspect, and is widely thought to have been exploded, people worry that they will be thought eccentric or even mad.

Indeed, mentally ill people seem, as a by-product of illness, often to have religious experiences of a positive kind. Recently a schizophrenic young woman in London — she has since committed suicide — told her psychiatrist, "I feel filled with the spirit of God." Her psychiatrist noted on her case history, "use of inappropriate language". When society reads mental abnormality into all religious experience, even of a non-visionary order, people naturally become reluctant to admit these experiences, even to themselves.

Some cults, particularly those based on Eastern religions, offer valuable tuition in meditative techniques which help people to reach these experiences, and normalise them. In Christianity, similar techniques of prayer are well established, but not widely taught. There is the Quaker openness to the spirit or the Anglican spirituality of Evelyn Underhill; the Jesuits have the meditative instruction of Ignatius Lozola, the Benedictines of Augustine Baker. If only people knew what churches have to offer, they would find that quite orthodox churches can respond to their personal spiritual experiences. The trouble is that the churches seldom tell them so.

Wrong numbers

THINGS sadly seem to be going from bad to worse for the Labour party as it battles to save its deposit in the Newbury by-election. No sooner had John Smith put in a stiff, stage-managed appearance on Tuesday than news broke of a toe-curling Newbury performance by Gordon Brown, his shadow chancellor.

Advised by an oleaginous Peter Mandelson, Labour's campaign minder, who successfully steered Smith clear of hostile voters during his Newbury visit, Brown chose to press the flesh at the headquarters of Vodafone, the mobile phone company.

It was a less than fortunate choice, particularly as Brown and his party's candidate, Steve Billcliffe, were hoping to capitalise on unemployment levels and Tory economic failures. Vodafone, the Berkshire town's biggest employer, has actually been thriving during the recession — and its marketing director Chris Ghent pulled no punches in saying so.

In Brown's presence, he said the company had grown by 25 per cent in the last year and by 9 per cent in the previous year; it has taken on 150 local employees over the last 12 months. "Our recovery started in July 1991 and has been accelerating over the past six to nine months," he said.

The three television crews invited by Mandelson — without any prior reference to Vodafone — immediately turned their lenses on Brown. For the moment, the shadow chancellor wisely decided to duck local issues and turned his attention to the broader issue of youth and unemployment. Ghent promptly informed his audience that the average age of his employees was a youthful 28. "I did not want to be discourteous, but the facts are the facts," said Ghent. Mandelson, might care to know that Ghent is a paid-up Tory.

● *His experience must stand him in good stead. Jacques Attali, president of the splendidly housed European Bank of Reconstruction and Development, has agreed to deliver the 1993 Robin Orr lecture at Cambridge next month on the problems of modern music. The title of his speech is "Poise and Noise".*



Stock and barrel

IT MAY not quite be the key to the door of opportunity, but Sir Charles Irving is said to be delighted. The former MP for Cheltenham has just been honoured with the Freedom of Gloucester Prison, and to show for it has a giant key to the institution, where he used to be on the board of visitors.

It is a far cry from his first contact with the prison. "I was a small boy in short trousers when I went to the prison to join a picket against capital punishment. That was what started me off in penal reform," he says. "I went inside a prison in the days when the silence rule prevailed and the men working on mailbags had to do nine stitches to the inch or start again."

● *John Drummond's press conference yesterday to launch the 1993 Proms season was going so well — until he started comparing them with other Albert Hall concerts, such as those by the National Philharmonic Orchestra, which he described as "an orchestra totally unknown to me". Sidney Sax, the NPO's leader, was understandably disgusted. "We have done radio and TV broadcasts for the BBC: Sir Georg Solti, with whom we've done three operas, could have told him who we were. He must have the wrong orchestra — perhaps he meant the London Philharmonic."*

DIARY

Tolstoy's latest

ANOTHER rude shock awaits Lord Aldington, who has yet to receive a penny of the £1.5 million record libel damages he was awarded over false allegations linking him with the forced repatriation of the Cossacks in 1945. Count Nikolai Tolstoy, who levelled the accusations, is putting the finishing touches to a book which tells the story of the two-month libel trial.

Not surprisingly, Tolstoy is fighting an uphill battle finding a publisher, despite his claims of new material, which "tells the story from the Russian side". Persistent to the last, however, he hopes to find a publisher in Australia.

Aldington — who says he has paid out "six figures" in legal costs without a penny to show for it — was resigned to the news when informed of Tolstoy's plans. "I have given up being foreboded . . . it's just one more thing to think of when I wake up in the morning," he sighed.

Boris Maximus

BRITAIN'S boarding schools, which this week announced the biggest slump in boarding for more than a decade, have devised a plan to make up the dwindling numbers. They have turned to Eastern Europe for pupils.

Isis, the Independent Schools Information Service, is planning a marketing advance after a successful series of exhibitions in Germany, which appealed to parents from Slovenia. The plan is for similar exhibitions in a number of capitals in the old Eastern bloc, says John Towey, the head of Isis International. "We already have four or five Russians who are coming next year, but we want more."





Fancy that: the minister and the novelist

E.M. Forster knew my grandfather

Far from being coy about it, Virginia and Peter Bottomley have no hesitation in discussing one of the family's long hidden secrets, which came to light only last month.

Nicola Beauman's new biography of E.M. Forster reveals that Clive, one of the two main characters in Forster's novel *Maurice*, was based on Max Garnett, the grandfather of Mrs Bottomley. Beauman says *Maurice* was inspired by Ernest Merz, a homosexual infatuated with the dashing Garnett. Merz killed himself in 1909 soon after Garnett, portrayed in the book as Clive Durham, became engaged to Margaret Poulton, the health secretary's grandmother.

In next month's issue of *The Literary Review*, Peter Bottomley, himself a former minister, has reviewed the book under the heading, "The day I married Clive's granddaughter". Mr Bottomley, who concludes that the biography is excellent, adds: "I remember where and when the granddaughter of Clive's model first held my hand."

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FIRST HUNDRED TROUGH

Mr Clinton must take longer views than the news deadline

After 100 days in office, President Clinton appears to many Americans, and to an increasing number of concerned allies, to be floundering. The polls, those fickle indicators of fickle fortune, show him to be less popular than any other recent president at this early but symbolic watershed. The euphoria of his election triumph has vanished. His political capital has been squandered on peripheral issues such as homosexuals in the military. His personal authority has been undermined by the congressional defeat of his $16 billion economic stimulus package. His public standing has been hurt by his refusal to take responsibility for the Waco inferno. Defensive, almost wistful, the president is being dismissed with the most damaging of all political slurs: another Jimmy Carter.

Mr Clinton has run into more opposition more quickly than he ever imagined as he delivered his brisk and Kennedyesque inaugural speech. His cabinet appointments fell foul of sloppy vetting, racial and gender tokenism, and a hypocritical uproar over alien nannies. His handling of Congress has shown the classic naivety of outsiders who ride into town with grandiloquent promises to slay the bureaucratic dragon, only to admit after the first blistering encounter, as Mr Clinton did, that he has "a lot to learn".

In foreign affairs the balance-sheet looks better, but still uneven. Mr Clinton conducted a good summit at Vancouver, handling President Yeltsin with tact and good sense. The Russian leader's subsequent referendum victory proved as much a relief, however, to an exposed American policy as it did to reformers in Moscow. Warren Christopher, the secretary of state, has brought back into equilibrium an American Middle East policy. He has been rewarded with a return of the Palestinians to the peace talks. But over Bosnia Mr Clinton's record has been one of vacillation and delay, allowing an all too public argument with Congress over the use of force to undermine alliance solidarity. His most recent utterance on Bosnia that "the time has come to focus on that problem" hardly inspires confidence among allies who have been waiting for America to do so since January.

Mr Clinton has shown some courage. He has rightly decided to fight early battles on health care. But he has not shown himself able to curb all the Democrat-backed interest groups that are gathering for public funds. His fault has been not a lack of vision, but a lack of focus. In particular, as the confrontation in Congress turned into a not-so-subtle attempt by the Republicans to test the president's mettle and his readiness to face down the filibusters of the minority, Mr Clinton seemed to lose any ability to inspire fear and respect on Capitol Hill.

He can rightly argue that to judge him after only 100 days when his term has more than 1000 more to run is to turn a Roosevelt boast into an iron rule of politics; it allows policy to be determined by the increasingly volatile mood swings of American politics. Within only two weeks Mr Clinton had been written off because of his unnecessary inflexibility over gay rights; yet only two weeks later he was being applauded after a masterful state of the union message for fiscal responsibility. Now he is again in a trough. He will rise from it again — and probably fall again too. American political memories seem to shortening; a single fresh triumph can dominate the airwaves and push up the poll ratings. Mr Clinton knows that the world can afford a longer-term view than the latest evening news deadline. He has to show that he knows.

A GIFT TO THE SERBS

Nato commanders should leave politics to politicians

The military, as Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent observes, are a means to an end. As chairman of Nato's military committee, Sir Richard's responsibilities indubitably include advising politicians on the way these means can best be used to achieve political goals. They do not extend to rebuking his political masters, on television, with a string of purely negative criticisms that in no way clarify these objectives. This is particularly so when, as in the case of Bosnia, there is no trace of evidence that the politicians are not listening to the military.

Sir Richard's public remarks on Tuesday about the risks of troops being mired in Bosnia "halfway through the next century", can only have encouraged the Bosnian Serbs' belief that no Western ultimatum is credible, because there is no will to back them up with military force. Worse, at this sensitive stage of President Clinton's consultations on possible military action, his intervention could be interpreted as a deliberate, public attempt to pre-empt a political decision by implying that Nato was being assigned a "mission impossible".

Yesterday, Sir Richard beat a tactical retreat, saying that he had meant no more than the self-evident truth that overall strategy has to be defined by the "political authorities", and that Nato had been given no political mandate to draw up plans for airstrikes or other action. This is misleading. Nato has not yet been set specific new political guidelines. But in practice, Nato has been drawing up detailed contingency plans for military engagement, both to ensure the implementation of the Vance-Owen peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina once it is in place and, failing that, to carry out selective air strikes if these are ordered.

Secondly, although months of nervous fumbling by Western politicians have made the task of implementing it much harder, the West does finally have a clear political goal: to coerce the Bosnian Serbs into downing arms and signing the Vance-Owen plan, relinquishing in the process their claim to a Bosnian Serb state and much of the territory they have acquired by force. The current political debate, now centred on Washington, is about means, not ends — and specifically, about what military pressure can be brought to bear on ruthless leaders who have demonstrated that they hold diplomacy, economic sanctions and UN resolutions in entire contempt.

The cross-currents in Washington this week are witness to the difficulty of the choices President Clinton has taken too long to realise cannot be shirked. Selective air strikes, the most likely next step, might not in themselves end the fighting. But they could diminish its intensity by reducing Serb supplies of heavy weaponry — some 200 T-55 tanks, for example, are reported to have crossed from Serbia recently to join the siege of Srebrenica. And they would increase the costs to the Serbs of continued intransigence.

British reluctance is gradually being ground down, although there is no sign that the elementary precaution of supplying British troops in Bosnia with the Royal Artillery guns on board Argus in the Adriatic is being taken. Nato's secretary-general, Manfred Wörner, has accepted the need for military measures more decisive than the largely sumbolic enforcement of the Bosnian no-fly-zone. His commanders' job is to supply the politicians with Nato's best military assessments, not to play the Serbs' hand in the poker game of deterrence.

PAST PERFECT

There is gold in them thar old theatrical bills

What is a contemporary play? Why, a play that has just come hot off a living dramatist's mental and emotional presses. But a look at the British theatre in the last few years suggests that the answer is not so straightforward. It is the new that has often seemed old and the old that has looked new. Maybe the genuinely contemporary playwrights are J.B. Priestley and Terence Rattigan, Shakespeare and Sophocles.

That is one of the arguments set for *The Times* Theatre Forum, which takes place in Bristol today. Since its theme is a broadish "Revival or Renewal", plenty of other subjects will doubtless be aired, from the woes of the West End to the wiles of television. But on the panel is the actress Fiona Shaw, who recently showed that the vindictive fury of Sophocles' Electra burns as strongly in the age of Bosnia and Ulster as in the Athens of 420 BC. On it too is Richard Eyre, director of the National Theatre, itself now home to a revival of Priestley's *Inspector Calls* that has astonished critics, awards panels, and the public alike. It transforms an antique moral thriller into a lament for our century's crimes beyond the imagination of a David Hare or a Howard Brenton.

If there is a crisis in new drama, it is not altogether one of quantity. Though a financially troubled West End is getting less hospitable to fresh work, there are signs that subsidised theatres in and out of London are becoming more so. The Arts Council reports that the proportion of new plays on the stages it supports fell from 12 per cent in the 1970s to seven per cent in the late 1980s, but is on the rise again. Plenty of dramatists are tapping away in their eyries, and plenty of theatres are performing them. But where is the quality we have expected since John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger* came to sandblast the nation's ears and minds in 1956?

There, faith falters. The writers who created what is still nostalgically called a theatrical renaissance — Osborne, Wesker, Arden, Pinter, Nichols, Bond, Storey *et al.* — have either fallen silent or vastly reduced their output. Their successors are hard to see. Doug Lucie and Timberlake Wertenbaker have their fans, and Caryl Churchill her ardent ones. More and more women are crashing that men's club, the theatre. But critics looking for originality, excitement or depth have tended to find them coming from overseas: Canada and Ireland, not Britain.

Yet as new work stumbles, revivals surge. Forgotten plays galore have been rediscovered, performances of rare distinction given. How many people knew that the list of Restoration comic writers included Crowne, Shadwell, Murphy and Centlivre, or that Middleton wrote a play about euthanasia called *The Old Law* way back in 1623? Or that Rattigan's *The Deep Blue Sea* was as powerful a study of unruly emotion as its current London production proves it to be? Or that *Timon of Athens* was as much about our own *glitterati* as Trevor Nunn's revival recently suggested? Whatever they say about our new drama, theatre historians will surely remember the 1990s with gratitude, for never has there been a time when the past has been more adventurously excavated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Levin's perception of life and law in Saudi Arabia

From Dr Omar Al-Hassan

Sir, Bernard Levin's diatribe against Saudi Arabia (April 27) was an insult to millions of Muslims and Arabs all over the world.

Mr Levin is looking at Saudi Arabia through Western eyes, making no attempt to understand the system of the country. Women "are treated as a different and sub-human species", he claims. They are not; they are treated in accordance with the teachings of Islam; they occupy a respectable position in society and enjoy a safe, secure and comfortable life, have educational opportunities, work in many fields such as teaching and medicine, and exercise great influence through their families.

Mr Levin criticises what he calls the lack of democracy in Saudi Arabia. He should be aware that the system of rule by a monarch has evolved from the tribal structure of the Bedouin, and just as in earlier days a leader has to consult with his people, so today King Fahd is accessible to any of his subjects.

He consults widely, and the ascending *majlis* system, established along Islamic guidelines, ensures that the views of all the people can be heard.

Mr Levin should also be aware that many Arab countries — Kuwait and Jordan being prime examples — have been moving for a considerable length of time towards what the West would term "democracy", through establishing elected parliaments.

With regard to his comments concerning the treatment of Christians in Saudi Arabia, I would like Mr Levin to provide one proven example of the discrimination against and maltreatment of Christians living in Saudi Arabia which he describes.

As far as I am aware, Christians in Saudi Arabia enjoy an equal standing in society with the Muslims, and have equal access to the comforts of life available in the country, as long as they respect its laws. Reports from Westerners living and working in Saudi Arabia reveal how the majority enjoy the high standard of living available to them there. There is little comparison between the qualities of life enjoyed by the population of Saudi Arabia and that of Western democracies. One would never see in Saudi Arabia thousands of homeless sleeping in the streets and scrabbling around for their supper in rubbish bins, or women resorting to prostitution to earn their living.

The entire population also enjoys the advantages of free education and medical care, adequate housing and a high standard of living. There is no unemployment. All of these aspects of life the Western democracies struggle to provide for their populations.

Mr Levin's outrage at the reaction to the publication of Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses* further serves to illustrate his complete lack of understanding of or respect for Islam. Mr Rushdie, through the publication of his novel, offended one billion Muslims, and should thus, as a Muslim himself, understand that through the scale of this act there will be consequences to pay.

I, a moderate Muslim, was offended by the way in which my beliefs were belittled and discredited in the book. I do not agree with the *fatwa* launched against Mr Rushdie by the late Ayatollah Khomeini, and upheld by his successor, Ayatollah Rafsanjani, but feel that those campaigning on behalf of Mr Rushdie should understand the scale of what he has done.

I wonder if Mr Levin would care to discuss the lack of democracy and human rights abuses in Israel? He outlines the despotism, torture and human rights abuses supposedly perpetrated by Saudi Arabia, though there is no evidence to support these allegations.

But what about the men, women and children killed on an almost daily basis by the occupying forces in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the discrimination the Palestinian population have to endure in every aspect of their daily lives — a violation of basic human rights and the principles of Western democracy — the mass deportation of Palestinians from their homeland, the confiscating of their land or the detentions without trial in inhuman conditions, and the tortures and beatings carried out?

It is about these crimes against humanity that Mr Levin should be expressing outrage and disgust, not the unsubstantiated charges laid at Saudi Arabia's door.

Yours faithfully,
OMAR AL-HASSAN
(Arab League Ambassador to the United Kingdom, 1976-83),
Chairman, Gulf Centre for Strategic Studies Ltd,
5 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, EC1.
April 27.

From Sir Anthony Parsons

Sir, To characterise the Saudi ambassador as a "lout of manifestly low quality" is so wide of the mark as to eliminate any sting from the insult. Anyone who has heard him speak or read his excellent book on the Gulf crisis would agree with me that, regardless of the merits of the argument about religion and human rights in Saudi Arabia, Ghazi Algosaibi is a man of high intellectual quality, articulate and personally open-minded.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY PARSONS
(UK permanent representative to the United Nations, 1979-82),
Highgrove, Ashburton, Devon.
April 28.

From Mr G. A. Michaelides

Sir, Bernard Levin is to be congratulated for having the courage to write the truth and you for printing it. If only Western governments had the courage to place right and truth and morality above trade, money and self-interests, this might well be a better world.

Yours truly,
G. A. MICHAELIDES,
28 Oakleigh Park North, N20.
April 27.

Future role of bombed church

From the Reverend Anthony Symondson

Sir, The reason why Sir John Betjeman considered St Ethelburga's, Bishopsgate, destroyed by last Saturday's bomb, the best example of a City parish church of the Middle Ages was not sentimental but architectural.

Independently of its survival as one of the few pre-Fire churches, and its historical associations, its beauty and conviction as a medieval building were largely due to a sensitive restoration in 1912 by Sir Ninian Comper, who refurnished it with parclose screens and a west gallery. Comper's genius for making late English Gothic come alive left a church that looked as it might have done if England had not had a Protestant Reformation.

I would like to see St Ethelburga's rebuilt but I do not share your optimism (leading article, April 27) that it is possible. There is no architect in practice who is capable of doing so, still less of re-creating what has been destroyed. Nor, regrettably, would the national preservation societies, with their antipathy to facsimiles, support plans for a faithful reconstruction. The "jewel-like" quality described in your leader is irreplaceable.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SYMONDSON,
Jesuit Community,
Milltown Park, Dublin 6.
April 27.

From Mr Robert Baxter

Sir, English Heritage is, of course, correct to say the rebuilding of St Ethelburga's, a grade 1 listed building, would "not be a restoration but a replica" (report, April 28). However, it may be possible to repair the remaining structure as a record of the church and incorporate this within a new structure to be used as a chapel of ease and as a memorial to those injured and killed in both City explosions.

I would suggest that the City of London and the Church authorities consider setting up an ideas competition for the re-use of the building and invite City institutions to sponsor it as a living memorial.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BAXTER,
Brook Baxter (chartered architects),
10 Kelmscott Road, SW11.
April 28.

From Mr Timothy G. Milton

Sir, There should be no doubt that the destruction of a lovely old church is a heinous sacrilege. However, the assertion that failure to rebuild would signal a victory for terrorism over God (report, April 28) is manifestly wrong. If the first Christians had not had the faith to hold to their beliefs without special buildings in which to profess them, there would be no Christian Church today.

If a demonstration of defiance is required, perhaps it might be an annual open-air memorial service on the site when Mr Henty and all the other innocent victims of these outrages could be remembered.

Yours sincerely,
TIMOTHY G. MILTON,
Rabin Leacock Lipman (solicitors),
7-10 Chandos Street, W1.

From Mr Edmund Esdaile

Sir, If we fail to rebuild St Ethelburga's, may we not seem to endorse its godless destruction by godless men? Daniel Johnson's idea (article, April 27), that it is rebuilt and considered as a shrine in memory of victims of terrorism, is surely far more apt and the government could no less aptly contribute to the cost.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
EDMUND ESDAILE,
61 North Road, Hertford.

Reconciling a referendum with the constitution

From Dr Jack Cunningham, MP for Copeland (Labour)

Sir, Your leading article of April 23, "A democratic charade", on the decision of the House of Commons to defeat the motion for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty, is a mixture of confused diatribe and transparent misrepresentation.

The reason why the vote took place in the early hours of April 22 was the insistence of a minority of members of the House in pressing the debate and a vote on the conduct of the chairman of Ways and Means, Michael Morris. These actions, taken against my advice, and supported mainly by anti-Maastricht members who wanted a referendum, ensured that the referendum debate did not commence until 7.30pm.

Your allegation of front-bench collusion about timing is thus completely false. The outcome you complain of resulted from the actions of the people you support in your leading article.

When speaking on the argument about the authority of Parliament, I said that to take more and more decisions by referendum would be most likely to produce the result of undermining the system of parliamentary democracy we enjoy.

In preparing for the debate I read widely on the history of the argument about the referendum in Britain. I also carefully studied comment from the five years of national discussion prior to the 1975 referendum on British membership of the European Community. I came across the following comments:

The more general disadvantage of the referendum as a constitutional device is that it is extremely open to manipulation ... The question put in the referendum must also invariably be a gross oversimplification of the real issues ... The truth is one has to make a choice between parliamentary government and direct popular referenda ... Parliamentary government implies that the government is charged with the whole responsibility for advancing and protecting the welfare of the nation ... In the end it has to be decided whether one believes in the parliamentary system or not ... (August 1, 1970).

In the first place the government are unwise to commit themselves to accept the verdict of a majority of those voting (February 27, 1975).

I believe these arguments are comprehensive and particularly persuasive. They have one other thing in common. They are all to be found in leading articles in *The Times*.

Yours sincerely,
JACK CUNNINGHAM
(Shadow Foreign Secretary),
House of Commons.
April 23.

From Sir David Mitchell, MP for Hampshire North West (Conservative)

Sir, When Parliament wrested sovereignty from James II in 1688 it created a representative democracy in which MPs are elected to sit in judgment on the policies proffered by the government of the day. In supporting a referendum on Maastricht you are, in effect, proposing to change the role of MP from representative to delegate.

Where is this to start and where to stop? Editorially you have opposed the reimposition of the death penalty but some 80 per cent of the electorate support it. Why deny their decision-making in a matter of life and death? Or is it that referendums should apply where *The Times* disagrees with the majority of MPs? Either we are elected as representatives or we are not: you are unwise to promote constitution *à la carte*.

There is, moreover, a practical aspect of this which has been overlooked. A bill cannot become law until passed by Parliament. That means MPs walking through the division lobbies (unless you intend also to amend this part of our constitution).

I have just held four well-attended public Maastricht consultation meetings in my constituency. Taking what consensus emerged fully into account, I shall vote as I judge right on the critical third reading of this bill. Sir, you leave unanswered in your revised "referendums constitution" the vital question of whether I would be expected to vote against my judgment of the interests of those who elected me as their representative.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MITCHELL,
House of Commons.
April 26.

From Sir Frederick Bishop

Sir, I hope that in the voting form on whether the Maastricht treaty should be ratified, which your leading article says you are sending to every household in the Newbury constituency, you will give recipients the opportunity of ticking a box on the following lines: "I am unable to vote for or against ratification since I have been unable to find an agreed explanation of the issue in simple terms."

Yours faithfully,
FREDERICK BISHOP,
Manor Barn, Church Road, Bramshott, Liphook, Hampshire.
April 23.

Forms of address

From Mr Peter Wingate

Sir, Many of us, I suspect, long for the days when we could discuss or examine a problem. This left us free to address envelopes and golf balls.

Yours faithfully,
PETER WINGATE,
3 Dresden Way, Pine Grove, Weybridge, Surrey.

Speaking role

From Mrs M. Keyes

Sir, Mr Pittway (letter, April 24) speaks of role models and the national curriculum. If children need role models for their spoken English they are already in place. Teachers are with them four to five hours a day. Parents, it seems, are irrelevant — but *EastEnders*, Australian soaps and American advertisements give them a clear idea of how to talk. Who can compete with such examples?

Yours faithfully,
RITA KEYS,
10 Littleton Crescent, Harrow, Middlesex.

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Minority religions

From Dr B. R. Wilson

Sir, No words can express the horror provoked by the events at Waco, but little is achieved by the untempered assaults on minority religions *tout court* reported by you (April 21).

One understands why some people cannot resist the urge to blame and to strike out at someone held responsible for such events. But it is particularly lamentable that part of such indiscriminate aggression should be directed against the government-sponsored agency, Inform, and its founder and unpaid director, Professor Eileen Barker, whose pioneer work is internationally acknowledged by those who have knowledge about minority religious movements.

That organisation has undertaken thorough scientific investigation, has helped the wholesome rehabilitation of some who have become involved, and has persuaded many converts to re-establish contact with their families.

For an MP to complain that a student of such movements is tainted because she has associated with these organisations is about as sensible as suggesting that it is corrupting for doctors to associate with the sick.

Yours etc,
B. R. WILSON
(Reader in sociology),
All Souls College, Oxford.
April 21.

Use of car traps

From Sergeant A. Walter

Sir, Lawyers who challenge police operations against thieves who steal cars parked with the keys left in the ignition (report, April 19) should consider the case of Williams and Another v DPP (*Times* Law report, March 9, 1993).

In their judgments, Lord Justice Farquharson and Mr Justice Wright found that persons who fall foul of such "traps" incriminated themselves by their own dishonesty, having done the acts voluntarily and knowing that they were wrong.

Your April 19 report quotes Mr Richard Thorn, solicitor for a man convicted of the aggravated taking of a police vehicle in such circumstances, as comparing self-locking cars with man-traps. Such an analogy can be little more than an appeal to the reader's emotions in an attempt to defend what is clearly indefensible.

I have seen man-traps in museums and they were barbaric. They did not, however, have velour seats, carpets and windows and no one walked into one voluntarily.

I remain, yours faithfully,
A. WALTER,
Divisional Training Officer, Hertford Police Station, Ware Road, Hertford.

Banker of quality

From Sir Georg Solti

Sir, I was deeply distressed by the obituary of Sir Philip Shelbourne (April 22). I feel the account trivialised and misrepresented the life of a man of outstanding integrity and unwavering loyalty to his friends, colleagues, the institutions he faithfully served and to his country — rare qualities nowadays.

I was fortunate to have been one of his friends and must consequently defend his memory.

Yours sincerely,
GEORG SOLTI,
Le Haut Pré,
Villars sur Ollon, Switzerland.

Good vibrations

From Ms Geraldine M. A. Clayton

Sir, As a bank manager, one of my priorities is the motivation of my staff. I seek feedback all the time but do not always believe my messages have been received as positively as I would have wished. So I was delighted to read in your article, "An old scourge returns" (Body and Mind, April 22), that the World Health Organisation is "clearly secretly pleased". Is this the breakthrough I have been searching for in my quest to verify how well I am understood?

Yours faithfully,
GERALDINE M. A. CLAYTON,
9 Tamerton Square, Woking, Surrey.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 28: The President of the Portuguese Republic this morning at Buckingham Palace received the Leader of the Liberal Democratic Party (the Rt Hon Paddy Ashdown MP).

Senhora Soares this morning visited the Royal National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1, and was received by the Chairman (the Lady Soames) and the Theatre Manager (Mr John Langley).

The President of the Portuguese Republic drove to St James's Palace in a Carriage Procession, accompanied by a Captain's Escort of the Household Cavalry with Standard, and received High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors accredited to the Court of St James's.

The President of the Portuguese Republic visited the Palace of Westminster and was received by the Rt Hon David Howell MP (Chairman, the Foreign Affairs Committee) where His Excellency addressed Members of Parliament.

The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares visited No 10 Downing Street and were entertained to Luncheon by the Prime Minister on behalf of Her Majesty's Government.

Afterwards His Excellency had talks with the Prime Minister.

The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares this afternoon attended a Reception for the Portuguese Community at the Berkeley Hotel, Wilton Place, London SW1. His Excellency afterwards attended a Reception at Canning House, Belgrave Square, London SW1.

The President of the Portuguese Republic and Senhora Soares this evening received an Address of Welcome at a Court of Common Council and afterwards were entertained at a Banquet by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at Guildhall.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present.

His Excellency Baron von Richthofen and Baroness von Richthofen were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Federal Republic of Germany to the Court of St James's.

Mr Justice Colman was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

Mr Justice Clarke was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

Sir Derek Reffell was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraltar. Lady Reffell was also received by Her Majesty.

Mr John Birch (Her Majesty's Ambassador at Budapest) was received by The Queen. Mrs Birch was also received by Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, Outward Bound Trust, this afternoon attended the Variety Club of Great Britain - Outward Bound Trust Sports Award Luncheon, the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London W2. Wing Commander Christopher Moran RAF was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this evening attended the sixtieth Anniversary of the CBF World Jewish Relief, the London Hilton, Park Lane, London W1.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick (Gold Stick) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 28: The Duke of York was represented by Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 28: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning opened the Greenwich Carer Centre, Macbean Street, Woolwich, London SE18.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Spinal Injuries Association, this afternoon attended the launch of the Association's Appeal, Haberdashers' Company, Haberdashers' Hall, Staining Lane, London EC2. Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Colonel in Chief, Royal Signals, this afternoon received Colonel Michael Stewart upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel Commandant.

Her Royal Highness, President, Royal Yachting Association, later attended a Council Meeting, the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, London SW1.

The Princess Royal, Patron, the Home Farm Trust, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended the Premiere of "Mystery of Edwin Drood", MGM Cinema, 135 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 28: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

The Hon Mrs Rhodes was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 28: The Prince of Wales, President, the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, this morning chaired a General Council Meeting, the King's Fund Centre, Camden, London NW1.

Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a luncheon with the Executive Committee of the Army Board, the Officers' Mess of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery, St John's Wood, London NW8.

Commander Robert Fraser RN was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this evening visited Cambridge and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

His Royal Highness delivered the Global Security Lecture in Senate House, University of Cambridge.

Commander Richard Aylard RN was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell Bt at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today visited Manchester and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Hallé Concerts Society, was entertained at a Ladies' Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Midland Hotel in aid of the Hallé Endowment Trust.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, later visited Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester, and opened the New Heart New Start Transplant Centre and the North West Lung Centre.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by The Hon Mrs Wills at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 28: The Duchess of Gloucester, President, Royal School of Needlework, today received Mrs John Williams upon relinquishing her appointment as Chairman.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 28: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland at a Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 28: The Duke of Kent, Grand Master, this afternoon attended the Annual Investiture and Grand Festival of the United Grand Lodge of England at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2.

Commander Roger Walker, RN, was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a reception to mark the occasion of the departure of the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany (His Excellency Baron Herman von Richthofen) at Belgrave Square, Chesham Place, London SW1.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Sir Richard Buckley at a Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith which was held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1 today.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
April 28: Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Anchor Housing Association, this afternoon visited Lambourn Court at Walton Way, Newbury, Berkshire.

Her Royal Highness was received by Major Raymond Seymour (Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire).

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Princess Alexandra was represented by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, London SW1 today.

Birthdays today

Mr Frank Auerbach, painter, 62; Mr Jonah Barrington, squash player, 52; Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, 51; Miss Brenda Dean, trades unionist, 50; Mrs Ruth Deech, principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 50; General Sir Peter de la Billiere, 59; Mr Lonnie Donegan, skiffle musician and singer, 62; His Honour Israel Finestein, QC, president, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 72; Sir Patrick Hamill, former chief constable, Strathclyde, 63; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire, dancer, 69; Professor David Johns, vice-chancellor, Bradford University, 62; Sir Anthony Laughton, oceanographer, 66; Miss Elizabeth Lawson, QC, 46; Mr Rod McKuen, poet and composer, 60; Mr Zubin Mehta, conductor, 57; Mr Johnny Miller, golfer, 46; Sir Fraser Noble, former vice-chancellor, Aberdeen University, 75; General Sir Patrick Palmer, 60; Lord Rothschild, 57; Mr Rudolf Schwarz, conductor, 88; Mr Jeremy Thorpe, former leader, Liberal Party, 64; Mr David Tindle, painter, 61; Professor Heinz Wolff, bio-engineer, 65; Mr Fred Zinneman, director, 86.



SIMON WALKER

Senhora Soares, wife of the President of Portugal, with Norma Major at 10 Downing Street yesterday

Memorial services

Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Colonel Sir Henry Abel Smith held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attended.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell, the Duke of York by Captain Rupert Maitland-Titterton, Princess Margaret by the Hon Mrs Wills, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Lieutenant Commander Sir Richard Buckley and Princess Alexandra by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy. Prince Michael of Kent, the Duke of Fife and Lady Saltoun attended.

The Rev Roy McAllen officiated, assisted by the Rev Kingsley Joyce. Sir Arthur Collins read the lesson, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, grandson, read from the works of M. Louise Haskins and Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller gave an address. The Australian High Commissioner was represented by Mr David Goss, Deputy High Commissioner. Among others present were:

Lady May Abel Smith (widow), Colonel and Mrs Richard Abel Smith (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Anne Grainger and Mrs Elizabeth Wise (daughters), Mrs Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr and Mrs Charles Liddell-Grainger and Mr Malcolm Liddell-Grainger (grandchildren), Lady Abel Smith (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Ralph Abel Smith, Mrs Christopher Stainforth, Mr and Mrs Julian Sheffield, Mr Malcolm Fraser, Mr and Mrs Anthony Tabor, Major-General David Tabor, Major Andrew Tabor, Mr and Mrs Anthony German-Ribon, Mrs S Quinlan, the Hon Mrs Elizabeth Abel Smith, Samuel Abel Smith, Miss Dorothy Abel Smith, Mrs Elizabeth Tremlen.

The Duke of Norfolk, the Duchess of Grafton, the Marquess and Marchioness of Abergavenny, Earl Alexander of Tunis, Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard (Colonel, The Life Guards), Viscount and Viscountess Slim, Lady Tweedsmuir, Lord Crawshaw, Lady Forester, Lady Carrington, Anne Lady Elton, Lady Angela Oswald, Colonel the Hon Peter and Mrs Trustram Eve, the Hon Selina Weld-Forester, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Mrs Julian Berry, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, Sir Rupert Buchanan-Jardine, Sir Christopher Lever, Sir David Black, Caroline Lady Nuttall, Sir Dudley Forwood, Sir Alan and Lady Rosula Glynn, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers (Halleybury Junior School), Lady Redgrave, Colonel Sir Andrew Martin, Lady Mott-Radclyffe, Major-General Sir Desmond and Lady Langley, Sir William van Straubenzee, Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, Lady Cooper, Major-General Sir James Eyre (Windsor Racecourse) and Lady Eyre, Lady Collins, Mr David and Lady Pamela Hicks, Mrs Michael Wall.

Agent-General for Queensland and Mrs Anderson, the Lord Lieutenant for Berkshire, Captain Anthony Hutton, Mr Jonathan Peto, Mr Robert Bruce, Major-General and Mrs John Bowring, Major-General Robert Corbett (Commanding Household Division), Colonel James Hamilton-Russell (chief of staff, London Headquarters District), Mr Michael Palmer, Mr and Mrs George Doughty, the Rev Philip and Mrs Morgan, Mr and Mrs Ronald Scrivener, Mrs Michael Gibbs, Mrs Harry Fitzalan Howard, Mrs John Kennedy, Mr Robin Althuis, Mr and Mrs G W Mallinckrodt, Mr Hugo Vickers, Colonel Ivo Reid, Jonkheer and Madame Groeninx van Zoelen, Mr Marcus Humphrey of Dinnet, Mrs Jack Girardet, Mr John Cory, Colonel and Mrs Jeremy Smith-Bingham, Mrs Peter Beckwith-Smith, Mr John Newman, Mr Stuart Holmes, Colonel Gerard Leigh, Father Christopher Tuckwell, Major John Wills, Mrs Patricia Rawson, Major John Bowlby, Major Philip Colville, Mr and Mrs David Palmer, Brigadier Andrew Parker Bowles, Mr Peter Few Brown, Mr and Mrs Wilfred Abel Smith, Mrs Terence Maxwell, Mr Gerald Ward, Mr Edmund Brudenell, Colonel David Lewis, Captain David Buchanan of Auchmacoy, Mr W Birch Reynardson, Mr Jeremy Wagg, Mrs E Norman-Butler, Mr Peter de Bunsen, Mr Peter Hoos, Captain David Bagnell, Mr Peter Wise, Colonel David Smiley (Blue Seal Club), Colonel R J Heywood (Regimental Lieutenant Colonel, Coldstream Guards, also representing the Colonel of the Regiment), Major A J Dickinson (1st Household Cavalry Regiment), the Rev Leslie F Skinner (Sherwood Rangers (Notts) Yeomanry), Mr Tim O'Donovan (the Society of the Friends of St George's and Descendants of the Knights of the Garter), Mr Michael Bullen (Royal Windsor Horse Show), Mr K Kirkwood (Royal Forest Agricultural Association) and Mr Montagu Butler (Teck Kins).

Dr Reynold Higgins
A thanksgiving service for Dr Reynold Higgins will be held at St Mary's, Dunsfold, Surrey, at 3.00pm on Saturday, May 22.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts yesterday at a luncheon held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the President of Portugal and Senhora Soares. The other guests were:

Dr and Senhora José Manuel Durão Barroso, the Ambassador of Portugal, Professor Adriano Moreira, Dr Jorge Sampaio, Senhor António Maria Pereira, General and Senhora Carlos Azeredo, Ambassador João Diogo Nunes Barata, Ambassador and Senhora António Syder Santiago, Commander Rogerio Vieira Fontes, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, and Mrs Hurd, Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, and Mrs Clarke, Mr Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, and Mrs Garel-Jones, Mr Robert Key, MP, and Mrs Key, Viscount and Viscountess Montgomery of Alamein, the Bishop of Blackburn, Lord Camoys, Lady Elton, Sir David Steel, MP, and Lady Steel, Dr Jack Cunningham, MP, Sir Christopher Prout, MEP, Mr Andrew MacKay, MP, and Mrs MacKay, Mr Robert Hughes, MP, Mr James Pawsey, MP, and Mrs Pawsey, Mr Bruce George, MP, Dr and Mrs David Ingram, Dr and Mrs T F Earle, Mr and Mrs Richard Lambert, Mr and Mrs Robert Phillis, Mr and Mrs Michael Jackaman, Mr and Mrs Julian Salmond, Ms Paula Rego, Mr and Mrs Stanley Duncan, Major James Patrick, Sir Rodric and Lady Braithwaite, Mr and Mrs Hugh Arbuthnott, Mr and Mrs Stephen Wall and Mr and Mrs Roderic Lyne.

Army Board
The Prince of Wales was the guest of honour yesterday at a luncheon given by the Executive Committee of the Army Board at the Officers' Mess, The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery. Among those present were:

General Sir Peter Inge, General Sir David Ramsbotham, General Sir John Learmont, General Sir John Wilsey, General Sir Charles Guthrie, Lieutenant-General Sir Jeremy Blacker, Mr Moray Stewart and Major-General Mike Walker.

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Roger Cork, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Stationers' Hall. Mr David Birch, president, was in the chair. The Canadian High Commissioner and the Agent General for Quebec were among those present.

Carlton Club
Mr Michael Portillo, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club. Mr Giles Chichester, chairman of the political committee, presided and Mr Roger Mountford also spoke.

Lloyd's Register
Mr Patrick O'Ferrall, Chairman of Lloyd's Register, senior staff of the board and general committee members and Members of Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Board gave a luncheon yesterday at 71 Fenchurch Street in honour of Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England. Among those present were:

The Earl of Caithness, Lord Sterling of Plaistow, Sir Hugh Bidwell, Sir John Cullen, Sir Peter Gregson, Sir David Scholey, Sir John Swire, Mr E J Bavister, Mr J G Collier, Mr J A Collins, the Rev John Cowling, Mr R S Dobson, Mr T Eggar, MP, Mr J A Hadjipateras, Professor Anthony Jones, Admiral J W Kime, USN, Mr M Meek, Mr S R Merrett, Mr W A O'Neil, Mr D J Rolfe, Mr H Rootliep, Mr J R Salter, Mr K H Taylor, Mr P C Tudball and Rear-Admiral M A Vallis

Dinner

Corporation of London
The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attended a dinner held last night at Guildhall to mark the visit to the City of London of the President of Portugal and Senhora Soares. The Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London presented an Address of Welcome. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were:

Senhor and Senhora José Manuel Durão Barroso, the Portuguese Ambassador, Professor Adriano Moreira, Senhor Jorge Sampaio, Senhor António Maria Pereira, General and Senhora Carlos Azeredo, Ambassador João Diogo Nunes Barata, Ambassador and Senhora António Syder Santiago, the High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda, the Ambassador of China and Mrs Ma Jichun, the Ambassador of Morocco and Mrs Haddaoui, the Ambassador of Italy and Countess Attolico, the High Commissioner for Nigeria and Mrs Abubakar Alhaji, the High Commissioner for Malaysia and Datin Jamaylah, the Master of the Horse and Lady Somerleyton, the Marquess and Marchioness of Douro, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, Lord and Lady Camoys, Lord and Lady Ashburton, Lord and Lady Avebury, Lord and Lady Elton, Lord and Lady Mais, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, and Lady Cledwyn, Lord and Lady Williams of Elvel, Mr T Cassel and Baroness Mallalieu, QC, Lord and Lady Finsberg, the President of the Broad of Trade and Mrs Heseltine, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Mrs Gummer, Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, Sir John and Lady Wheeler, the Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Mrs Garel-Jones, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Taylor of Gosforth, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Bingham, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Nicholls, the Minister of State for Energy and Mrs Eggar, individual guests, representatives of organisations having commercial and cultural connections with Portugal, representatives of HM Forces, the Civil Service, City institutions, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner given by the President of Portugal and Senhora Soares at the Portuguese Embassy at 8.30.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Capel Manor Horticultural and Environmental Centre, Enfield at 10.00; and, as Captain General Royal Marines, will attend a luncheon at the Army and Navy Club at 12.50 in support of the Royal Marines Museum Heritage Appeal.

The Queen Mother will open Jim Joel Court at Newmarket at 11.45 built under the auspices of racing welfare charities.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Turning Point, will attend a briefing at the Home Office at 10.10.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Butler Trust, will visit the Young Offenders Institution, Castington, Morpeth, at 10.45; as Patron of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind Rubella Association, will open the Deaf-Blind centre, Northern Counties School for the Deaf, Great North Road, Newcastle, 12.45; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre, Sunderland, at 2.25; and, as President of the Scottish Chambers of Commerce, will attend the inaugural dinner at the Balmoral Hotel, Edinburgh, at 7.45.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Girl Guides Association, will hold a reception for Queen's Guides at Kensington Palace at 5.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will present the awards for the painting and decorating trophy competition at a luncheon at Painters' Hall at 12.40.

Princess Alexandra will open the new surgical block of Benenden Hospital at Benenden at 2.30 for the Post Office and Civil Service Sanatorium Society.

Reception

Canning House
Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, President of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, and Mr Stanley Duncan, Chairman of the Anglo-Portuguese Society, were joint hosts at a reception held at Canning House in honour of the President of Portugal. Ambassadors of Latin American countries and Spain and Portugal were among those present.

HM Government
Mr Ian Lang, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host last night at a reception held in Edinburgh Castle to mark the visit to Scotland by the Western European Union Assembly Defence Committee.

Service dinner

Waggon Club
Major-General W. Bate, President of the Waggon Club, presided at the annual members' dinner held last night at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J.A. Asif
and Miss K.C.H. Price
The engagement is announced between Jalil, son of Mr and Mrs M. Asif, of Acton, West London, and Clare, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs J.H. Price, of Lincoln.

Mr P.G. Chandler
and Dr S.G. Munro-Faure
The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Dr and Mrs David Chandler, of Yateley, Hampshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Dr Douglas and the late Honor Munro-Faure, of Woldingham, Surrey.

Don M.A. Garcia-Lorenzo
and Miss I.G.C. Metcalfe
The engagement is announced between Marco-Antonio, eldest son of Don and Doña A.M. Garcia-Lorenzo, of Caracas, Venezuela, and Isabelle, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.S. Metcalfe, of Eastbourne.

Mr J.W. Loyd
and Lady Tara Crichton
The engagement is announced between James William, younger son of Mr C.L. Loyd, of Lockinge, Wantage, and Mrs Simon Burne, of Charlton, Malmesbury, and Tara Guinevere, youngest daughter of the Earl of Erne, of Crom Castle, Co Fermanagh, and Mrs Anthony Gray, of St Margaret's Bay, Kent.

Mr M.D.L. Ponsonby
and Miss J.E. Searle
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Ponsonby, of Roche Court, Winterslow, and Jamilie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Searle, of Knightsbridge, London.

Mr R.E. Skepper
and Miss C.V.N. Last
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Edmund Skepper, of Chelsea, London, and Caroline, elder daughter of Major General Christopher Last, CB, OBE, and Mrs Last, of Clwyd, Wales.

Mr G.E. Steer
and Miss G.P. Hillock
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Steer, of Kingscote, West Sussex, and Gillian, daughter of the late Mr Cyril Hillock and of Mrs Hillock, of Childwall, Merseyside.

Mr A.J. Veal
and Miss N.J. Stonehill
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Mr John Veal and of Mrs Valerie Veal, of Polegate, East Sussex, and Nicky, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Stonehill, of Gomshall, Surrey.

Mr J.B. Walker
and Miss H.L. Knox
The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr P.R. Walker and of Mrs M. Walker, of Luton, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Knox, of Beaconsfield.

Marriage

Captain R.G.J. Watson
and Miss F.M. Stafford Charles
The marriage took place on April 24, 1993, at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, between Captain Richard Watson, 17th/21st Lancers, elder son of Major and Mrs David Watson, and Miss Finella Stafford Charles, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Stafford Charles. The Rev Christopher Courtauld officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Nicola and Philippa Maple, Edward and Peter Knox and Miss Rosalind Maple. Mr Jeremy Pritchard was best man.

A reception was held at The Cavalry and Guards Club.

British Academy

Lord Briggs, FBA, Chairman of the Judges, was host at a reception held on Tuesday at the British Academy for the presentation of the Wolfson History Awards 1992. The winners are Lord Skidelsky for *John Maynard Keynes: The Economist as Saviour 1920-1937* and Professor Linda Colley for *Britons: Forging the Nation 1707-1837*.

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Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever has faith in me shall live, even though he dies; and no one who lives and has faith in me shall ever die.'
St.John 11 : 25,26.

BIRTHS

CHARALAMBOUS - On April 23rd at the Wellington Hospital, to Zoe and Bambos, a beautiful daughter, Natalia, a sister for Michael.

CRAMPTON SMITH - On 14th April at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Tom and Sandra (née Brooks), a daughter, Kirsty Rebecca, a sister for Alexander and Charlotte. Grateful thanks to all the staff at The John Radcliffe Hospital.

CROMAN - On 7th April 1993, to Nicola (née Smith) and Paul, a daughter, Roanna Amber, a sister for Ross.

CUFF-BURNETT - To Robert Burnett and Susan Cuff on Friday 23rd April, a daughter, Amy Claudia, a sister for Thomas and Luke. Warmest thanks once again to all at U C H.

EASTBURN - On 21st April, to Judith and David, a son, Oliver Matthew de Martelly, a brother for Jonathan and a half brother for Catherine and Susanna.

HICKS - On 24th April, to Nicola and Clive, a beautiful daughter, Alicia Jane, a sister for Hannah.

IRWIN - On April 22nd 1993, at UCH, to Elizabeth (née Bunster) and Gabriel, a daughter, Louise, a sister for William and Edward.

KIRK - On April 25th, to Louise and David, a daughter, Eleanor Mary, a sister for Edward.

LAMBERT - On 19th April 1993, to Lindsay (née Phillips) and Tim, a son, Benjamin William Richard, a brother for Charlie and Luke.

NEWMAN-AMIN - On 6th April 1993, to Fala and Hassan, a daughter, Yasmin, a sister for Maryam and Michael.

PAIN - Emma Ellen Kirby, to Louise (née Earley) and David, on 27th April 1993 at Basingstoke District Hospital.

BIRTHS

SANDYS - On April 18th, to Rosemary (nee Weston) and Martin, a daughter, Eleanor Florence.

SMEE - On April 24th, to Teresa (née Bushnell) and Richard, a son

DEATHS

BROWN - On 24th April 1993, suddenly in his garden, Dr William Paterson Brown, Psychoanalyst, in his 87th year.

CALVERT - On 24th April, peacefully, Colonel Henry (Harry) S. Calvert, OBE MC, aged 87 years. Beloved husband of Mildred, father of Peter, father-in-law of Bridget and grandfather of Tom and Sam. Cremation at Torquay Crematorium, today, Thursday 29th April at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations to NSPCC

CHANCELLOR - On 27th April, Nigel, O.B.E. peacefully in Ohio. Beloved husband of Margaret, father of Ian and Diana and much loved grandfather. Funeral Service on May 3rd at St Luke's Church, Chardon, Ohio

CORNECK - W.K. (Corky) on 25th April 1993 at home in Andover. Dearly loved husband of Marion, loving father and grandfather. Formerly of Jardine Matheson and Co Ltd., China and Hong Kong. Will be missed by family and friends at home and abroad. Private cremation on 29th April. Memorial Service on Thursday 6th May at 2.30pm at St Mary's Parish Church, Andover. Donations in lieu of flowers if desired to The Stroke Association c/o Dunning Funeral Service, 2 Church Close, Andover, SP10 1DP.

DEATHS

CRAWLEY - On 26th April 1993 at home, Desmond John Chetwode C.M.G., C.V.O., widower of his darling Daphne, much loved by Jane, Michael and Stephen and by his five grandchildren. Private burial service on 5th May. No Thanksgiving Service by request. Family and friends are warmly invited to Desmond's home at 6 pm on 5th May

DAVIES - Lewis Eric (Dave) M.B.E., G.P., Pont Hafren, Felindre, Llanidloes, Powys, retired Squadron Leader, peacefully at home after a short illness borne with great courage on 27th April 1993 aged 76 years, for 52 years beloved husband of Ella, loving father of Gillian and Jeremy and daughter-in-law Christine, fun loving grandfather of Anthony, Tim, Alexandra, James and Jacqui and proud great-grandfather of Grace Ella. Public Service at St Idloes Church, Llanidloes, at 1 pm on 6th May, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Royal Air Force Association or The Royal British Legion. Enquiries please to M. Jones & Son, Funeral Director, Isfryn, Llanidloes, tel: (0686) 412262 or 413160.

GODBY - On Wednesday 21st April, William Alfred F.R.I.C., M.B.E. Loving and loved husband of Sylvia Williams, passed away in his 94th year.

GOW - Ronald, peacefully in his 95th year, on Tuesday 27th April 1993. Playwright and Dramatist. Much beloved husband of Wendy, caring father to Ann and Anthony and grandfather to Anna and Jeremy. Service 11 am Tuesday 4th May at Amersham Crematorium.

DEATHS

HARVEY - On April 26th peacefully at Thorndun House, Rewe. Jill (née Fruin) aged 85, for many years resident in Brazil. Widow of Robert and dear mother of Janet Tellefsen, Alison Gordon and Patsy Carlson. Cremation at Exeter Crematorium 11 am May 4th. Enquiries to Cross & Beale, 27 Belmont Road, Tiverton EX16 6AR.

JONES - On 25th April 1993, in Epsom General Hospital, Isobel Nairn aged 80, widow of G.V. Jones, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Peter's, Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey, on Tuesday 4th May at 2 pm followed by burial in Banstead. Flowers and enquiries to Truelove, 118 Carshalton Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LINDSEY - Passed peacefully away on 26th April at Winfield Medical Centre, Gloucester, after a long illness bravely borne. Winifred Elsie aged 76 years of Wool Loft Cottage, Cossack Court, Nailsworth. A dear and devoted wife to Jack Lindsey for over 51 years. A cherished mother to Michael and David and treasured memories of a loving nan. Funeral service and cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium on Tuesday 4th May at 2 pm. No flowers please, donations in lieu for the R.N.L.I. may be sent to S.C. & B.S. Cocks, 59 Hucclecote Road, Gloucester, GL3 3TL.

LINDSAY - On April 26th at her home in Easton Royal, Janey, Lady Lindsay, formerly of Ardchyline, Argyll and the Sudan. Mother of Vanessa, Shira and Robert and much loved grandmother. A friend of many. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at the Holy Trinity, Easton Royal, Wilts., on Friday May 7th at 2 30 pm.

DEATHS

MILLARD - On April 27th 1993, suddenly, Mark, aged 58. Funeral Service at St Martin's Church, East Woodhay, on Wednesday May 5th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to London City Mission (Embankment Division) may be sent to Camp Hopson & Chivers, 6-12 Northbrook Street, Newbury RG13 1DN. Memorial Service in London to be announced.

MURPHY - On April 6th 1993 at Audlem, Cheshire aged 94 Mary Craig (née Buchanan), widow of the Right Honourable Lord Justice Edward S Murphy, formerly Court of Appeal, Northern Ireland. The cremation has already taken place.

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OBITUARIES

DANIEL JONES

Daniel Jones, Welsh composer and editor of the poems of Dylan Thomas, died in Swansea on April 23 aged 80. He was born in Pembroke on December 7, 1912.

AS A composer Daniel Jones adhered largely to traditional forms which he explored with his own brand of robust conservatism. Most of his creative life was spent in Wales and a fair amount of his output took the form of commissions from the Welsh Arts Council and the National Eisteddfod. But he never let this make him a slave of "folksy" idioms or adopt an inward-looking attitude to his Celtic heritage.

Like his younger contemporaries, William Mathias and Alun Hoddinott, he eschewed that form of parochialism which is so often a tempting recourse for the regional composer. The bulk of his work is "mainstream" orchestral and throughout his life it retained an allegiance to tonality, even where it showed an awareness of serialism. Central to his output were the dozen symphonies he wrote between 1949 and 1985, which are notable for their firm, clear structure.

Literary scholarship also owes him a debt. From early schooldays he had been a close companion of Dylan Thomas and he wrote perceptively about his old friend both as poet and man. His *Dylan Thomas: The Poems* is the definitive edition of the poet's *oeuvre*.

Daniel Jenkyn Jones went to school at Swansea Grammar and thereafter read English at University College, Swansea, taking his BA in 1934. From 1935 to 1938 he studied composition under Harry Farjeon, and conducting under Sir Henry Wood, at the Royal Academy of Music. He also studied the viola and horn. Further study, on a Mendelssohn scholarship, took him to Rome and Vienna. But Swansea was one of the greatest cultural influences on him.

In the prewar years he was part of the circle of artists and writers that included Dylan Thomas. As boys they had already written poems together for the *Swansea Grammar School Magazine*. While Jones was an undergraduate this collaboration continued and they produced more than two hundred poems together, Jones supplying the odd numbered lines, Thomas the even ones. Jones later made many settings of Thomas's early poems.

During the war Jones served in *British Army Intelligence from 1940* to 1946. Already, in the 1930s, he had begun composing and in 1936 he evolved what became known as the technique of "complex metres" involving irregular time signatures such as 9 + 2 + 3 quavers to a bar. He was also interested in oriental art forms and literature at a time when such things still seemed faintly exotic in British music circles. His *Cloud Messenger* of 1945 was based on the Japanese masterpiece *The Tale of Genji*.

A *Symphonic Prologue* of 1938 was withdrawn, as was the composer's *Five Pieces* of the following year. After a few more slight pieces Jones got into his stride with his Symphony No 1 in 1947. This had its first performance in Liverpool in 1948 and was conducted by Jones at the Swansea Music Festival in the following year. In it, Jones's mastery of structure was immediately recognised by critics. It was the first of a dozen symphonies which were composed at regular intervals over the next four decades. The 12th, first performed in Cardiff in 1985, had actually been commissioned by the retiring general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, Kenneth Thomas, as his leaving present, three years before. A choice of leaving gift which speaks volumes for the innate musicality of the Welsh people, it was paid for by a whip round at the CPSA and a grant from the Welsh Arts Council.

In spite of the undoubted solidity of his orchestral output (which also included seven string quartets, and a further, though unnumbered symphony) Jones never achieved the celebrity of Alun Hoddinott and the late William Mathias. His music did not export as well as theirs. And even in his native Wales it was respected



for its sturdy qualities rather than evoking a passionate response in its hearers. But this contemporary evaluation is one with which another generation may well disagree.

Among Jones's choral works was an opera, *The Knife*, which, though a Welsh Arts Council commission, was given its premiere by the New Opera Company at Sadler's Wells in London rather than by the Welsh National Opera in Cardiff. A smaller scale work, *Orestes*, based on Aeschylus, dates from 1968. There are also numerous settings of the works of Dylan Thomas by Jones. The mystical 17th-century Welshman Henry Vaughan was another poet who appealed to him, though he later withdrew his cantata *The Country Beyond the Stars*, a setting of Vaughan published in 1958. Jones was composing virtually to the end of his life.

Jones's first meeting with Dylan Thomas at school is amusingly recounted in the latter's short story "The Fight". The encounter was to be germane to the creative lives of both men.

In 1952 Dylan Thomas had gathered together 89 of his poems and published them with a specially written prologue. It was, he then said, all he wished to preserve "up to now". But within the year he was dead, and for many years the Dylan Thomas-reading public was compelled to abide by the poet's own verdict on his work.

Dylan Thomas: The Poems, edited and introduced by Daniel Jones, appeared in 1971. Jones added another hundred poems to Thomas's original selection, and in laying them out chronologically, as opposed to thematically as Dylan had done, enabled the reader to follow his development as a poet. The result did not greatly add to Dylan Thomas's reputation. It was seen that the poet himself — as is not always the case — had, perhaps, been the best judge of his own work. But Jones's volume did show graphically just how concentrated the peak period of Thomas's creativity had been. And his introduction and helpful notes were an excellent guide to Thomas's procedures.

The Dylan Thomas industry has led to over-production, and the desire to be numbered among the poet's intimates to much vain and tiresome copy. Jones's *My Friend Dylan Thomas* (1977) immediately announced itself as being in a different class from much of what had preceded it. Jones had, of course, really been a friend of Thomas. But his view of the man also gained much from his being an artist rather than a critic. If his own muse was not such a tempestuous mistress as Thomas's, he was nevertheless able to penetrate to and understand the imaginative core of his, often trying, friend. Simply, he knew what makes creative people tick. Where others saw only uncouth behaviour, he saw the fiery exhilaration through which poetry is made. *My Friend Dylan Thomas* is an unassuming but wise study of one artist by another. It was of a piece with Jones's sustained truthfulness to his own creative impulses.

Daniel Jones was twice married, first, in 1937, to Penelope Eunice Bedford, and second, in 1944, to Irene Pearl Goodchild, whom he met while he was on wartime intelligence work. There were three daughters of his first marriage and a son — named Dylan after his old friend — and a daughter of his second.

GEORGE MITCHELL

George Mitchell, OBE, TD, Professor of Anatomy and and Director of the Anatomical Laboratories at Manchester University, died on April 14 aged 86. He was born on November 11, 1906.

GEORGE MITCHELL made many distinguished contributions to medicine and the anatomical sciences and was a dominant force in British and international anatomy. He is particularly known for his work on neuroanatomy — notably on the autonomic nervous system and especially that of blood vessels — and for his contributions to anatomical nomenclature.

His books include *The Anatomy of the Autonomic Nervous System* (1952), *Cardiovascular Innervation* (1959) and *Essentials of Neuroanatomy* (1966). Also (with E. L. Patterson) he published the textbook *Basic Anatomy* (1954) in addition to his editorship of the periodical *Nomina Anatomica*. He contributed to numerous other books, including the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, and wrote over 150 research articles.

He graduated in medicine at Aberdeen in 1929 and stayed as lecturer and senior lecturer, and surgeon in the Highlands and Islands scheme, until the second world war. During the 1930s, while an anatomist and surgeon in Aberdeen, he took a particular interest in neuroanatomy first working on low back pain and eventually migrating to the autonomic nervous system under the influence of Sir James Learmonth.

He spent his war years as a surgeon in military hospitals in North Africa, India, the Middle East, and Italy reaching the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He became special adviser in penicillin chemotherapy, liaised with Fleming and Florey, and became known for his pioneering publications and work on the prophylactic use of the new drug, which he used to advantage during and following the Normandy landings.

Immediately after the war he was invited to take the Chair of Anatomy at Manchester, a post he held for 28 years. He greatly enlarged the department, its teaching equipment and research facilities and doubled the staff. Sixteen of his understudies became professors.

His own researches, however, were rather interrupted by his successive appointments as Dean of the Medical Faculty (1955-60) and as a Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University (1959-63). He was also in charge of producing an internationally acceptable anatomical terminology for the International Anatomical Nomenclature Committee, a role he undertook for over 25 years.

He became president of the Anatomical Society of Great Britain and Ireland, was an examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons and received many academic medals and distinctions both in Britain and abroad, including the Chevalier (1st class), Order of Dannebrog from the King of Denmark.

He was appointed OBE in 1945 for his war work and was awarded the Territorial Decoration in 1950.

His interests included Egyptology (and he could tell many a fine story concerning this and that artefact in his collection), medical history and micro- and cine-radiography.

His wife Mary died in 1977 and he is survived by a son and two daughters.

LALITH ATHULATHMUDALI

Lalith Athulathmudali, lawyer and leader of the Democratic United National Front of Sri Lanka, was assassinated on April 23, 1993 aged 58. He was born on November 26, 1934.

MYSTERY still surrounds the assassination of Lalith Athulathmudali, who was shot while addressing a provincial council election rally in Colombo.

The only real heavyweight among President Ranasinghe Premadasa's opponents, Athulathmudali was the one figure to pose a long-term threat to the president. Many expected him to lead the island's government at a future date. The spontaneous erection of white flags in most Sri Lankan houses within 24 hours of his death is some measure of the esteem in which he was held.

Athulathmudali was educated at the Royal College, Colombo, and Jesus College, Oxford, where he read law and was a contemporary of Brian Walden, Peter Brooke and Kenneth Baker. He served as successively secretary, treasurer, librarian and



president (the first Sri Lankan to hold the post) of the Oxford Union from 1956 to 1958. Contemporaries recall one particularly spirited debate when he and an invited ex-president, Bryan Magee, took on another guest, Sir Oswald Mosley.

After a distinguished legal career, which began with his call to the Bar by Gray's Inn, he attended Harvard Law School in 1962, and went on to lecture at a number of institutions including Edinburgh University, the Hebrew University in Israel, Singapore University and Allahabad University in India.

Athulathmudali had always intended to go into politics, however, and on his return to Sri Lanka he fought in the general election. In July 1977 he won the seat of Ratmalana, a Colombo suburb, and was made minister of trade and shipping. In 1983, he was appointed minister of national security and deputy minister of defence where he became a popular sight among front-line troops fighting the Tamil Tigers in the island's north.

In 1985, he accompanied President Junius Jayewardene on his first meeting with the then Indian prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, in New Delhi. Relationships with India were particularly strained at that time because of the support extended by the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu to the separatist guerrillas.

Ironically, although he was bitterly opposed to the Indo-Lanka accord of 1987, which had first brought Indian troops to Sri Lanka, Athulathmudali was one of those injured when an extremist Sinhalese rebel threw a grenade into parliament in August of that year. Despite serious injuries, he was back at his desk within a month.

He later covertly encouraged Indian involvement in Sri Lanka, by deliberate non-intervention in a potentially explosive situation. During the abortive 1987 peace agreement, a boatload of separatists carrying arms was arrested by the Sri Lankan navy and handed over to the army. Half of the captives subsequently committed suicide by swallowing cyanide capsules. Separatist fighters in the north immediately attacked Indian troops stationed there and Jayewardene was forced to ask the Indians to restore law and order.

Athulathmudali lost his bid for the presidency in 1988 to Ranasinghe Premadasa, who was then forced to include Athulathmudali in his next cabinet. There was little love lost between the two men, despite their having served in the same cabinet under Jayewardene for more than a decade; but Athulathmudali had proved his popularity with a record number of votes in the general election of 1989, and could not be overlooked. However, he was only given the relatively humble post of minister of agriculture and, later, minister of education.

By 1991 his mind was made up. Along with 130 other MPs, he handed a petition to the speaker calling for the impeachment of Premadasa on the charges of abuse of power, corruption and incompetence. The motion was defeated and Athulathmudali was expelled from parliament. He formed a new party, the Democratic United National Front, and was appointed its leader in February this year.

He is survived by his wife Srimani and their daughter.

RICHARD DAVID

Richard David, CBE, Secretary to the Syndics of the Cambridge University Press, 1963-70, and Emeritus Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge, died on April 25 aged 81. He was born on January 28, 1912.

DICK DAVID was a man of many talents. In early life he thought of becoming a singer and he could equally have gone on the stage. If his career was made in publishing — and, as events turned out, at the rather tough, business end of it — music and the theatre remained his abiding interests throughout his life.

He was born in Winchester where his father taught at the College. David himself went there as a scholar and then, again as a scholar, to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. But he was more than a swot. At Cambridge he was a memorable Antony in a production of *Antony and Cleopatra* by George Rylands during the golden age of the Marlowe Society. A year of research in Paris — and a period at the feet of Harley Granville Barker — influenced his prize essay on Shakespeare's dramatic poetry, published by the Cambridge University Press in 1935 as *The Janus of Poets*, when its author was only 23.

Whether because of that early success or not, he was recruited by CUP as an assistant secretary in 1936. Those, of course, were more leisurely days when academic publishing at least remained "an occupation for gentlemen". The war, in which he served as a navigator in the Royal Navy rising to be a lieutenant-commander, interrupted David's apprenticeship in what was then only seldom thought of as a trade. But, as soon as the war was over, David rejoined CUP and soon found himself forced to face up to the harsh imperatives of modern publishing.

He was made London manager of the Press in 1948 and thus took charge of the commercial end of its activities — enjoying some success with a growth in sales which at that time was mainly export-led. In 1959 he received a tribute from his peers in being elected president of the Publishers' Association, a post he held until 1961, subsequently advising the association in its successful legal defence of the Net Book Agreement. His appointment as CBE in 1967 was a recognition of his services to the industry.

Meanwhile he had entered on a less happy period of his



career. In 1963 David was chosen to succeed R. J. L. Kingsford — the man he had also followed in London nearly 20 years earlier — as secretary to the syndics or, in effect, the university's publisher. He now found himself steering a large publishing house with an editorial policy of growth into a period when the boom was coming to an end and sales were beginning to falter. David was not a tough man and he did not take easily to all the stress and conflict inevitable in the conduct of a business at a time of economic difficulty. He was distressed by the tensions among his colleagues and alarmed by the deteriorating cash position.

What was required — and David, to his credit, recognised this — was a new management structure. He saw the key to the situation as lying in the devolving of his own responsibilities — and, though this involved some sacrifice on his part, he bravely brought this about. Perhaps his greatest service to the Press lay in the way he secured his own succession. He invented a new post of managing director of the publishing division, saw the man he wished to succeed him appointed to it and by the time he retired in 1974 — he had suspended the use of his own own formal title as secretary to the syndics in 1970 — could certainly claim to have blown away most of the academic cobwebs.

But the struggle had been such that David approached retirement with relief. It gave him time to indulge the earlier cultural interests that had never deserted him but which a busy working life had not given him much opportunity to fulfil. For some years he had written an annual review of Shakespearian productions in both London and Stratford and his *Shakespeare' in the Theatre* (1978) enabled him to bring these pieces together and present them to a wider audience. He was also a botanist of professional standing — he was president of the Botanical Society of the British Isles, 1979-81. His speciality was sedges (Carex) on which he published respected studies. He died of a heart attack in Corsica on one of his botanising holidays.

He married Nora Blakesley in 1935, and they had two sons and two daughters. He admired and supported his wife's career in local and national government, seeing her become Baroness David and a Labour whip in the Lords in 1978.

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MRS. PANKHURST'S TREATMENT IN PRISON.

DR. ETHEL SMYTH'S REPLY
TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—Mr. McKenna having declared in your columns that my statements concerning Mrs. Pankhurst's treatment in prison were "mendacious", I beg to enclose the following documents:—

(1) Extracts from correspondence between the Home Secretary and Mrs. Pankhurst's solicitor, A. Marshall, Esq., bearing out Mrs. Pankhurst's statement, made in Court, that she was not receiving proper facilities for preparing her defence, and that consequently her trial would not be a fair one.

(2) Statements by her fellow prisoners in B wing showing that my description of the basement cells as places unfit for criminals of whatever class, erred, if anything, on the side of moderation.

(3) A letter to the Editor of *The Times* by Dr. Louisa Garrett Anderson on the same and other points raised in my letter.

(4) A statement by Mrs. Pankhurst regarding—(*a*) the obscenities scratched on the door of her cell; (*b*) the order to put her and others into prison clothes.

(5) A statement signed by fellow prisoners testifying to the fact that during 23 hours out of the 24 she was kept in solitary confinement from March 2 to 17.

Should you be unable to find space for the documents, I will have them published elsewhere at once, in view of the fact that, notwithstanding the strongest medical representations, the prosecution has twice refused our applications to have the trial postponed for three weeks, in order that Mrs. Pankhurst may be in a fit state to conduct her defence.

Meanwhile, as my veracity has been impugned in your columns, I am sure you will not refuse me the opportunity of stating in the same place that I have the wherewithal to prove the truth of my allegations in substance and in detail; also that it is our intention to court public inquiry at an early date on this question as on others connected with the treatment of suffragist prisoners.

April 26. ETHEL SMYTH, Mus. Doc.

ON THIS DAY

April 29 1912

Dame Ethel Smyth (1858-1944), composer of the opera The Wreckers *and many other works, was a formidable woman and an active feminist. In 1912, she marched through the streets with the militant suffragettes to her own "March of the Women".*

In view of Mr. Philip Snowden's question concerning the introduction of the Reform Bill, which is to be put to the Prime Minister to-day, the Women's Social and Political Union have issued a statement in which they say:—

"The W.S.P.U. desires to reiterate the view that at whatever time the Reform Bill may be introduced, it will not, unless it contains a woman suffrage clause, inserted by the Government, afford any prospect of the enfranchisement of women. The division on the Conciliation Bill is a final proof that an unofficial woman suffrage amendment to the Reform Bill is doomed to be defeated."

NEWS

Paris threatens to pull out troops

■ France threatened to pull its troops out of the former Yugoslavia in exasperation at the way the United Nations is running the peacekeeping operation.

The threat, from the country with the biggest contingent in the Balkans, dealt yet another blow to the West's efforts to find a common policy that might halt the bloodshed. The White House admitted that it was unlikely to reach any decision this week on military action in Bosnia-Herzegovina ..... Pages 1, 12, 13

Government to act over road deaths

■ Public outcry over the inadequacy of sentences for killer-drivers has prompted a government decision to double the maximum jail term to ten years. Legislation is expected to be included in a criminal justice bill this autumn. Since 1989, nearly 100 cases of overly lenient sentences have been referred to the Court of Appeal ..... Page 1

Crime in the country

The number of crimes recorded in England and Wales reached a record high of 5.6 million last year with bigger increases in some rural areas..... Pages 1, 9

Alive and swimming

Church leaders who climbed over rubble and broken glass windows to visit St Ethelburga, the church devastated by the IRA bomb, were astonished to find a dozen goldfish swimming peacefully in their pond ..... Page 1

Tests to be checked

Thousands of women who had cervical smears examined at a hospital in Scotland are to have their tests rechecked after it was disclosed that some had been wrongly diagnosed..... Page 2

Naming names

One of the Guildford Four, Gerard Conlon, volunteered the names of almost 40 active members of the IRA after being jailed for the public house bombing murders. But his evidence was inadmissible during his appeal against conviction ..... Page 3

Shrinking families

The traditional British family — married with two children — is becoming increasingly rare, according to the latest *General Household Survey*. The most common family unit is a couple without children..... Page 6

Women with wings

The Clinton administration will announce that it is ordering the American military to allow women to fly bombers, jets and helicopter gunships on combat missions..... Page 15

Portuguese plea

Portugal is putting strong pressure on Britain to join the United States and others is new moves to compel Indonesia to allow self-determination in the occupied territory of East Timor . Page 14

Biding his time

The White House again postponed a decision on military intervention in Bosnia as President Clinton continued to agonise over the most important and complex decision of his presidency ..... Page 13

Serb warning

British troops in Bosnia have been warned by a Bosnian Serb commander that they will be shelled "immediately" if Nato carries out its threatened air-strikes against Serb military targets ..... Page 12

Back into space

Nearly 40 years after Britain withdrew from space launcher research the government is intending to back a European project to develop a space plane that will travel at up to five times the speed of sound through the atmosphere..... Page 5

Militant mood

The frustrated steel and car workers of Eastern Germany gave Bonn have opted overwhelmingly for their first major strike since the 1930s... Page 11

Shaw legacy creates a real scene

■ More than 40 years after George Bernard Shaw died, the British Museum is at the centre of a dispute over its right to a legacy in the playwright's will. The museum stands accused by Shavians of ignoring the spirit of GBS's will and reneging on its "moral obligation" to hand over the fruits of the large bequest to the New British Library..... Page 1



Pointing out risks: Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, of Nato, discussing Bosnian intervention yesterday. Report, page 13

BUSINESS

Rising pound: The value of the pound rose sharply at the expense of the German mark amid signs that the Bank of England was intervening in the markets in a bid to limit sterling's strength. The stock market slipped back..... Page 25

Losing battle: George Walker, former head of the Brent Walker leisure empire, lost his long battle to avoid being declared bankrupt at the High Court..... Page 25

Saving grace: Industry looks set to have saved £50 billion after a decision by the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg that a ruling treating men and women equally in their right to a pension need not be backdated..... Page 26

SPORT

Cricket: As the Britannic Assurance county championship begins today, Alan Lee turns the spotlight on the young talent that England hopes will arrest the decline of its Test team..... Page 43

Rugby Union: David Hands profiles loyal club servant Jez Harris, who plays stand-off half for Leicester against Harlequins in the Pilkington Cup at Twickenham on Saturday..... Page 42

Snooker: Jimmy White beat Dennis Taylor 13-8 at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre to reach the Embassy world championship semi-finals for the eighth time, before he insisted: "My game is coming back"..... Page 48

FEATURES

Delicious vignettes: A manuscript purporting to be the memoirs of Abraham Lincoln's laundry maid has been bought by New York publishers for $1 million ..... Page 16

Acute anxiety: Toxoplasmosis rarely presents risk of any lasting condition if contracted by a fit person; but it can be devastating if it is caught by the unborn child from an infected mother..... Page 17

TRAVEL

Genuine pinta: Real British milk is at last available on supermarket shelves in Spain — ending the frustration of British holidaymakers and expatriates who have had to rely on long-life "milk"..... Page 18

ARTS

Flesh and blood: The Andes plane crash victims who turned into cannibals to survive are the subject of a new film, *Alive*. Also released this week: *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, a film adaptation of Dickens's last novel; and *National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1*, a spoof action-movie..... Page 35

Choice Proms: Richard Morrison picks out 13 of the most exciting Proms from this summer's season, announced yesterday..... Page 37

High anxiety: Alan Bleasdale's new play reached the National Theatre this week. *On the Ledge*, set largely on the window ledges of high-rise flats in Liverpool, teems with metaphors of social decay..... Page 36

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Paul Keating has set up a committee and given it until September to consider the options for making Australia a republic
Page 14



Kamlesh Bahl, a solicitor, has been appointed chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission by Gillian Shephard
Page 5



Nigel Mansell's participation in the Indianapolis 500 car race next month is in doubt after he was forced to enter hospital for surgery
Page 44

THE TIMES TOMORROW

North-east's treasures

■ The National Gallery unveils an exhibition of paintings from the Bowes Museum in Durham that includes a Boucher, an El Greco and a Goya

Impersonal secretaries

■ Desktop computers that can be spoken to and will "take a letter" are going on sale. Do they spell the end for the typist?

Sales in transit

■ Which part of the travel industry sells more than £500 million new and used products a year? Vaughan Freeman on the caravan

TV LISTINGS

Victor Malafronte, star of the New York paparazzi pack, is the main subject of *True Stories*'s programme *Blast 'Em!* about celebrity photographers (Channel 4 9.35pm)..... Page 47

OPINION

Clinton's hundred

Mr Clinton knows that the world can afford a longer-term view than the latest evening news deadline. He has to show he knows Page 21

Bosnian poker

The job of Nato commanders is to supply the politicians with their best military assessments, not to play the Serbs' hand in the poker game of deterrence ..... Page 13

Old stagers

Whatever they say about our new drama, theatre historians will surely remember the 1990s with gratitude, for never has there been a time when the past has been more adventurously excavated... Page 13

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

If direct religious experiences were very rare, few people could be expected to proceed to the stage of religious faith. But they are common. Most people have had them, though they are shy when it comes to telling others ..... Page 20

ANATOLE KALETSKY

The very idea that economic policy should aim to achieve rapid growth, strong exports, and low inflation, all at the same time, has been ridiculed by Treasury officials and ministers for years. Personally I consider the Treasury's contempt a badge of honour. But many readers presumably share Mr Lamont's view that the Treasury has shown an excellent understanding of economics ..... Page 29

LETTERS

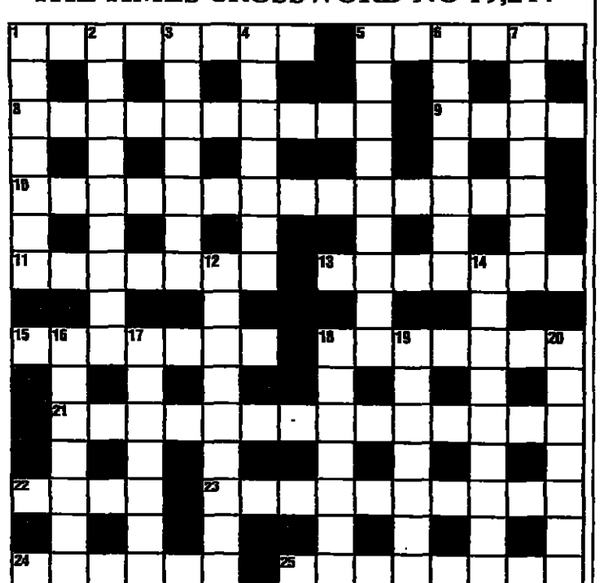
Suggestions about the future of the site of St Ethelburga's, Bishopsgate, destroyed by last Saturday's IRA bomb ..... Page 21

THE PAPERS

In the 1940s, it was possible to argue that no American interest would have been served by an attempt to rescue the Jews from Hitler. But if it can now be argued in retrospect that morality absolutely required an attempt to rescue the Jews, even if some narrow definition of the American interest did not, then the analagous argument can be made that rescuing Bosnia's Muslims or arming them to defend themselves is a US duty today

Los Angeles Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,217



ACROSS

1 Supported by runners, it turns up at the front (8)
5 The little devil is wearing a hat — and it's transparent! (6)
8 The last word in ham actors in 23! (10)
9 Sound cure for cant (4)
10 Celebrate lavishly, though a row may follow (4,3,4,3)
11 Fierce woman's rig-out carried by Miss Durbeyfield (7)
13 It may be checked for drink and meat around midnight (7)
15 One charged for keeping poultry here (7)
18 Bent copper takes in European Community worker (7)
21 One of those older people whose affairs involve the young (6-8)
22 Some of us sing a song and dance (4)
23 African lion cut down in wild state (10)
24 Position of moulded figures out east (6)
25 Appearance during second turn of duty (6-2)

DOWN

1 Leading drunkard upset about son being one (7)
2 A stern appearance helps gunners in their work (9)
3 Recipient of aid Ulysses found extremely elusive (7)
4 Unfading eastern member turns up in a ship (7)
5 Seem to enjoy swallowing a double (4-5)
6 John gets roughed up in periodical game (3-4)
7 Laggardly movement of train that's vandalized (7)
12 Marries outside old city in liturgical vestments (9)
14 Passion an American physicist displayed for paganism (9)
16 Sounds like a noble statement (7)
17 Passage in which goods are being conveyed (7)
18 Thoughtful girl's left to distribute about four (7)
19 Explorer crossing end of strait containing a sailing-vessel (7)
20 Fuss about sailors — a real storm (7)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,216

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The clue for 27 across in crossword No19,215 should have read: Ultimately the numbers (7 + 5) ÷ 4 + 2 make 5 (4).

Concise Crossword, page 48

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W Central Scotland	721
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WEATHER

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly dry with sunny spells, eastern Scotland becoming cloudier. Northern parts of England and Wales will be dry and sunny after a dull start. Eastern coastal areas will stay dull and cool. The rest of England and Wales should stay dry, with sunny spells. Thundery showers this afternoon. Very warm in the sunnier south. Outlook: bright, with thundery showers possible; rain from the west on Saturday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	c	Madrid	12	54	f
Akrotiri	20	68	f	Majorca	18	64	s
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Malaga	14	57	c
Algiers	19	66	s	Malta	21	70	s
Amst'dm	24	75	s	Melb'rne	18	59	c
Athens	22	72	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	27	81	s	Milan	18	64	c
Bangkok	35	95	s	Montreal*	8	46	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	9	48	s
Barcelna	17	63	s	Munich	23	73	s
Beirut	19	66	s	Nairobi	26	79	f
Belgrade	23	73	s	Naples	22	72	f
Berlin	26	79	s	N Delhi	40	104	s
Bermuda*	22	72	f	N York*	13	55	s
Biarritz	12	54	r	Nice	14	57	r
Borde'x	13	55	r	Oslo	18	64	s
Brussels	23	73	s	Paris	24	75	s
Budapst	24	75	s	Peking	15	59	c
B Aires*	21	70	s	Perth	22	72	s
Cairo	28	82	s	Prague	24	75	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Reykjavik	5	41	c
Chicago*	17	63	f	Rhodes	19	66	s
Ch'church	10	50	c	Rio de J	30	86	s
Cologne	26	79	s	Riyadh	32	90	f
C'pehagn	24	75	s	Rome	20	68	s
Corfu	24	75	s	Salzburg	22	72	s
Dublin	9	48	c	S F'risco*	17	63	s
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Santiago*	22	72	s
Faro	16	61	s	S Paulo*	25	77	s
Florence	22	72	f	Seoul	12	54	r
Frankfurt	26	77	s	Sing'por	32	90	t
Funchal	17	63	c	Stckholm	13	55	s
Geneva	18	64	f	Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Gibraltar	13	55	r	Sydney	21	70	s
Helsinki	20	68	s	Tangier	12	54	c
Hong K	29	84	f	Tel Aviv	21	70	s
Innsbruck	19	66	f	Tenerife	18	64	c
Istanbul	17	63	s	Tokyo	17	63	c
Jo'burg*	24	75	f	Tunis	16	61	c
Karachi	33	91	s	Valencia	21	70	s
L Palmas	18	64	s	Vanc'ver*	11	52	f
Le Touq't	15	59	s	Venice	22	72	s
Lisbon	11	52	r	Vienna	24	75	s
Locarno	17	63	c	Warsaw	25	77	s
London	12	54	s	Wash'tonª	14	57	s
L Angels*	22	72	s	Wel'ton	13	55	f
Luxembg	23	73	s	Zurich	23	73	s
Luxor	39	102	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F): min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6pm, 68 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,014.6 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Southampton Weather Centre, 21C (70F)lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F): highest rainfall: Teignmouth, Devon, and Tenby, Dyfed, 0.16in: highest sunshine: Morecambe, Lancashire, 11.2hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (61F): min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10.6hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F): min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

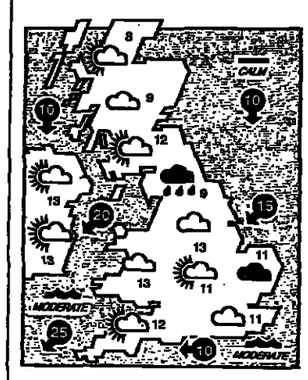
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Aberdeen	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Aviemore	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Belfast	8.5	-	17	63	sunny
Birmingham	0.8	0.06	14	57	cloudy
Bognor Regis	4.2	-	19	66	cloudy
Bournemouth	2.5	-	20	68	bright
Bristol	0.1	0.01	16	61	shower
Buxton	3.1	0.01	16	61	bright
Cardiff	0.2	0.02	15	59	rain
Clacton	8.2	-	15	59	sunny
Colwyn Bay	8.2	0.06	14	57	sunny
Edinburgh	-	-	11	52	dull
Eskdalemuir	-	-	11	52	dull
Exmouth	0.7	0.11	14	57	shower
Falmouth	4.0	0.11	17	63	rain
Folkestone	9.6	0.01	17	63	sunny
Glasgow	1.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Guernsey	0.8	0.15	14	57	rain
Hastings	7.3	0.06	19	66	bright
Hunstanton	-	-	9	48	dull
Isle of Man	7.7	-	16	61	sunny
Jersey	1.1	0.10	14	57	rain
Kinloss	0.1	0.01	11	52	drizzle
Leeds	2.7	0.04	15	59	cloudy
Lerwick	7.6	-	10	50	bright
Littlehampton	3.1	-	19	66	bright
Liverpool	7.5	0.02	18	66	sunny
London	8.5	-	20	68	sunny
Lowestoft	0.2	-	9	48	fog
Manchester	9.0	0.04	20	68	fog
Margate	9.0	-	13	55	sunny
Minehead	0.2	0.02	15	59	shower
Morecambe	11.2	0.05	19	66	sunny
Newcastle	-	0.01	9	48	drizzle
Nottingham	1.0	0.05	14	57	bright
Penzance	5.5	0.07	18	64	rain
Plymouth	4.5	0.03	15	59	rain
Poole	2.3	-	20	68	bright
Salcombe	3.2	0.06	15	59	shower
Sandown	-	-	19	66	cloudy
Staunton Snd	4.7	0.01	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	-	-	9	48	fog
Scilly Isles	6.6	0.03	15	59	rain
Shanklin	2.9	-	18	64	cloudy
Southsea	2.4	-	20	68	cloudy
Stornoway	3.7	-	9	48	bright
Swanage	2.1	0.01	17	63	shower
Teignmouth	1.1	0.16	14	57	rain
Tenby	6.5	0.16	16	61	sunny
Tiree	10.1	-	13	55	sunny
Torquay	1.6	0.10	15	59	shower
Weymouth	1.3	-	17	63	cloudy
Wick	0.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Worthing	3.8	-	19	66	bright

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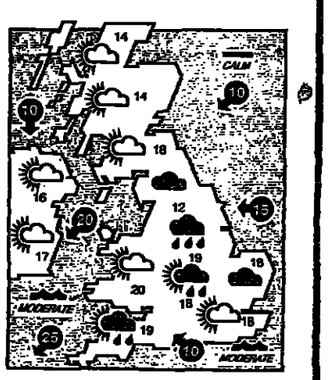
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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.51 pm to 5.07 am
Bristol 9.00 pm to 5.16 am
Edinburgh 8.18 pm to 5.04 am
Manchester 9.05 pm to 5.09 am
Penzance 9.08 pm to 5.32 am

Sun rises: 5.37 am — Sun sets: 8.21 pm
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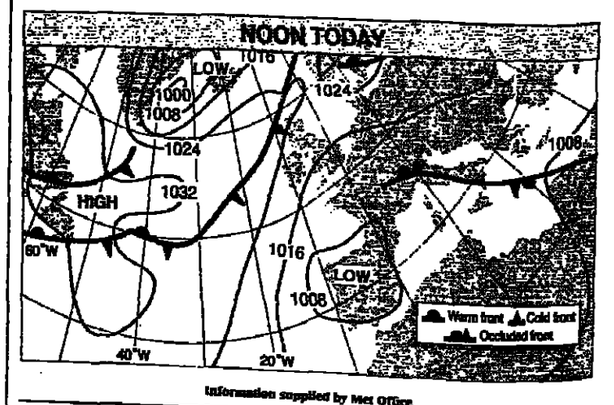
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B'rmgham	10	50	c	Inverness	10	50	s
Blackpool	16	61	s	Jersey	15	59	s
Bristol	13	55	f	London	12	54	s
Cardiff	14	57	s	M'nchster	12	54	s
Edinburgh	11	52	s	Newcastle	9	48	f
Glasgow	14	57	s	R'nldsway	14	57	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.24	6.4	7.41	8.1	Liverpool	4.41	8.0	5.26	7.7
Aberdeen	7.04	3.6	8.03	3.4	Lowestoft	3.18	2.0	3.13	2.1
Avonmouth	12.18	11.0	12.56	10.5	Margate	5.38	4.3	5.55	4.2
Belfast	4.43	3.2	5.26	2.9	Milford Haven			12.06	5.5
Cardiff	12.03	10.3	12.41	9.9	Newquay	11.04	5.6	11.36	5.7
Devonport	11.35	4.4	11.59	4.6	Oban	11.42	2.8		
Dover	4.24	5.6	5.07	5.6	Penzance	10.49	4.4	11.15	4.6
Falmouth	11.05	4.2	11.29	4.4	Portland			12.18	1.4
Glasgow	6.11	4.5	7.01	4.0	Portsmouth	4.44	4.0	5.35	4.1
Harwich	5.17	3.5	5.35	3.3	Holyhead	3.53	4.8	4.42	4.5
Hull	11.52	8.2			Shoreham	4.33	5.1	5.18	5.2
Ilfracombe	11.49	7.3			Southampton	4.31	3.9	5.23	3.9
King's Lynn			12.03	5.3	Swansea	12.22	7.7		
Leith	8.33	4.6	9.20	4.5	Tees	9.37	4.5	10.28	4.5
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THE POUND

US $ .....1.5707 (-0.0118)
German mark....2.4914 (-0.0082)
Exchange index .....81.1 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .....2797.3 (-35.4)
Dow Jones ...3403.50 (-12.43)*
Nikkei Avg 20454.57 (+247.86)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base..... 6%
3-month Interbank..... 6⅛-6⅜
US Federal Funds 3%*
3-month Treas Bills 2.91-2.90%*
Long Bond..... 6.91%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5710*	£:$	1.5715
$:DM	1.5853*	£:DM	2.4809
$:SWfr.	1.4335*	£:SWfr.	2.2531
$:Ffr	5.3505*	£:Ffr	8.4665
$:Yen	112.36*	£:Yen	176.44
£:SDR	1.1122	£:ECU	1.2773

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 349.70 ..... PM 349.70
Close 351.80-352.30
New York:
Comex 351.45-351.95*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI.....139.3 March (1.9%)
* Denotes midday trading price



PHIL COBURN

"Deeply disappointed": George Walker, outside the court yesterday, where he was forced into bankruptcy but given leave to appeal

Bankrupted Walker had 'cavalier attitude'

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

GEORGE Walker, the former boxer and fallen business tycoon, yesterday failed in his High Court attempt to stop his creditors forcing him into bankruptcy with debts of £180 million. Mr Walker walked into court half an hour after vice-chancellor Sir Donald Nicholls declared him bankrupt and was granted leave to appeal the decision.

Sir Donald said Mr Walker had "adopted what can only be described as a cavalier attitude" towards his promise to hand over half his net disposable income to creditors, although it was impossible to see from the accounts he had provided whether he had any disposable income.

Mr Walker had asked the court to let him continue with a voluntary scheme agreed last September by 75 per cent of his creditors. But he lost creditors' support after he failed to pursue legal action against Brent Walker, including a claim for £14.5 million, and Ray Hocking, of Stoy Hayward, accountants, the official supervisor of the voluntary scheme, and other creditors opposed its continuation and requested that he be declared bankrupt.

In a statement issued by Harkavys, his solicitors, Mr Walker said he was "deeply disappointed at his bankruptcy" and gave a warning that, as a result, it was unlikely any of his creditors would receive a penny. Under the bankruptcy, the only assets available are shares worth £150,000.

Philip Barden, an associate with Theodore Goddard, the solicitors representing Mr Walker's banks, welcomed the bankruptcy. The banks had not supported the voluntary scheme and were pursuing separate bankruptcy actions. TSB said yesterday it had now dropped its action.

Mr Barden said Mr Walker has disclosed assets of £150,000 but now that he had been made bankrupt, "we will now investigate whether that is the entire amount of his estate" and other matters.

He said the bank creditors also wanted to discover more about Mr Walker's recent business dealings in Russia and why his wife, Jean, was about to draw a salary of $5,000 a month from his new Walkers International SA company, based in Monaco.

Sir Donald said yesterday that Mr Walker was "receiving no salary, although he seems to have been working on the company's behalf in Russia, presumably at his own expense. He seems to have spent substantial sums on travelling expenses. No explanation has been offered on these matters, which suggest that money is being diverted from Mr Walker — in whose hands it would be subject to an obligation to account to the supervisor — to Mrs Walker, who is free from such an obligation." In his judgment, Sir Donald said Mr Walker, who anticipated earnings of £100,000 for 1993, had received some income from property rents, but asserted that, so far, he had had no net disposable income to make available to creditors.

He found the inadequate state of the evidence provided by Mr Walker was such that it was impossible to say whether or not this was true. The supervisor's complaint about failure to pay was, therefore, not made out. But there had been a serious failure by Mr Walker to comply with his obligation to pursue the civil actions, Sir Donald said.

German rate cut nudges pound above DM2.50

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ The Bank of England may have stepped in to limit sterling's rise after the Bundesbank cut German interest rates and most of Europe decided to do likewise

STERLING jumped to its highest level against the mark since mid-January yesterday, buoyed by another substantial cut in interest rates by the Bundesbank, which may signal a shift to a more rapid easing of monetary policy in Germany.

Already strengthened by the increasingly stark contrast between German recession and the beginnings of a British recovery, the pound has appreciated strongly over the past two weeks. Yesterday, it traded above DM2.50 for most of the morning but slipped back to end at DM2.4914. It ended at 81.1 on the trade-weighted index compared with the close on Tuesday at 81.4.

There were pervasive rumours that the Bank of England was actively selling pounds although the Bank declined to comment on whether it was intervening.

Monetary sources have this week made it clear that there is no policy of trying to "cap" sterling to preserve some of the competitive gains won for industry since sterling's enforced departure from the exchange-rate mechanism.

Nevertheless, the modest intervention against sterling which is believed to have taken place suggests there may, at least, be a desire to prevent sterling from appreciating too rapidly.

The coincidence yesterday of another German rate cut and another surge by sterling points to a potential dilemma for the authorities. The Bundesbank followed last week's cut in official interest rates with a cut in its money market repurchase rate from 8.09 per cent to 7.75 per cent, a larger cut than many economists had expected.

Joachim Fels, an economist with Goldman Sachs in Frankfurt, said: "This is clearly a signal that the easing is now going to be more aggressive."

Mark Brett, chief currency strategist at BZW, said the markets were beginning to believe German short rates could be down to 4.5 per cent by next year.

This could lead to further sterling appreciation in the months ahead, which would be positive for fighting inflation but would erode the competitiveness of exporters. If sterling appreciated strongly from here, the Bank of England may be faced with cutting base rates again or intervening more aggressively.

Yesterday's £3 billion auction of 7¼ per cent gilts maturing in 1998 attracted less demand than hoped for. Gilt market participants had hoped that double the amount of bids needed would emerge but the auction "cover" was only 1.77.

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Futures selling batters shares

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

ALMOST £8 billion was wiped off London share values as the cash market was dragged lower by a wave of futures selling. Aggressive selling of the June FT-SE futures contract sent the FT-SE 100 index reeling. It was 45.6 points down at one stage.

Senior traders said large American investors — rumoured to include Salomon Brothers — were heavy sellers of European stock futures. There was speculation that George Soros, the currency and gold speculator, was selling the future and buying gold.

A disappointing reaction to the latest £3 billion gilt auction did not help matters. Many gilts traders were caught out, having expected greater demand. The FT-SE 100 index ended the day below the important 2,800 level, closing 35.4 points down at 2,797.3. Volume reached 699.1 million shares.

Robert Buckland, a UK market strategist at NatWest Securities, felt the falls were overdone. "We haven't really seen any negative news on the fundamentals," he said.

Mr Buckland said NatWest Securities would probably advise clients to pick up stock if there was more weakness.

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Clinton invites return of the gold bugs



IRWIN STELZER

Just as Bill Clinton completes his first 100 days in office, the gold bug has begun biting again. This is no coincidence. What he has revealed about the direction in which he wants to take America helped to persuade George Soros and Sir James Goldsmith to make massive investments in gold, either by buying shares in mining companies (Soros) or options to purchase gold in the future (Goldsmith). Soros, Goldsmith and smaller punters are now betting that gold will rise in price in the near-to-medium term, for two basic reasons.

First, as with any commodity, the price of gold rises if supply is constricted and its demand is rising. Demand for gold for fabrication into jewellery is exploding in China, India and other emerging Asian nations, most particularly Vietnam and Thailand. The American market is recovering. Yet supply is expected to grow by only 1-2 per cent, if at all. The world's largest producer, South Africa, is in turmoil and Russia, the third largest producer, has depleted its inventories and cannot expand output because of years of inadequate maintenance. Also, once-large private holdings of gold in the Middle East have been heavily drawn down in recent years. But demand for gold is driven not only by desire for bodily adornment. When three factors coincide — a lack of attractive alternative investments, low interest rates and a fear of inflation — the gold bug thrives and investors stock up gold bars. Just such a coincidence now exists, especially in America. Stock market prices are so high that investors doubt the wisdom of committing more funds. Low interest rates make the opportunity cost of holding gold modest.

Most important, inflationary fears are stirring. Which brings us back to President Clinton's first 100 days. As William Rees-Mogg pointed out in *The Times* on Monday: "The argument for expecting higher world inflation depends upon expectations about the actions of governments."

Since the American economy is the world's largest, the actions of its government become crucial to the world's macroeconomic environment. Everything Clinton has done points in the direction of renewed inflation. Upward pressure on prices will come from what is being called managed trade, but is really protectionism, and from the related policy of talking down the dollar, so that foreigners can buy more American products cheaply, while America's imports become more costly and shrink. Higher import prices free competing American manufacturers to raise their domestic prices.

Add to that the numerous costly regulations and social programmes that are in the works. These range from plans to stabilise emissions of carbon dioxide to Hillary Rodham Clinton's health care plan, estimated to cost close to $100 billion a year, much of it loaded on business and eventually prices.

Then there's the budget deficit. It is now certain that even Clinton's record tax increases will not reduce the long-term deficit. No matter, say his advisers. They have developed two new, interlocking theories to support their spending plans. The first is that stepped-up government spending and high deficits, justified by Keynes as anti-recessionary measures, are also needed to combat slow growth. Since the President feels a stimulus programme is needed while the economy is growing quite smartly, at around 3 per cent, and since what distinguishes "slow" from adequate growth is in the eye of the beholder, he is likely to want to run deficits under almost any likely growth scenario.

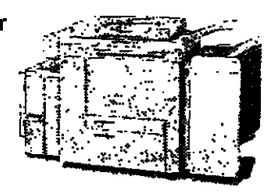
The second strand of Clintonomics is the distinction between "investment" and spending. Investment, because of its long-term return, is justified even if it increases the deficit. Almost every programme is investment in the eyes of Clinton's team: education, children's health, job-training — providing a blank cheque to government to "invest" now, in the hope of returns in the future.

Investors fleeing to gold as a haven fear that runaway American deficits will eventually mean inflation. Dollars will be worth less but gold is forever. So thought Midas and Goldfinger. So think Soros and Goldsmith. Real life will prove kinder to them than legend has to Ovid's unfortunate king and Ian Fleming's doomed villain, if the American President has his way.

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EC pensions ruling saves firms £50bn

By Tom Walker and Sara McConnell

BRITISH industry is almost certain to be spared a £50 billion bill for pensions by the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. Yesterday, the court delivered the opinion decided that an earlier judgment it made on the equality of pension rights between men and women should not be retrospective.

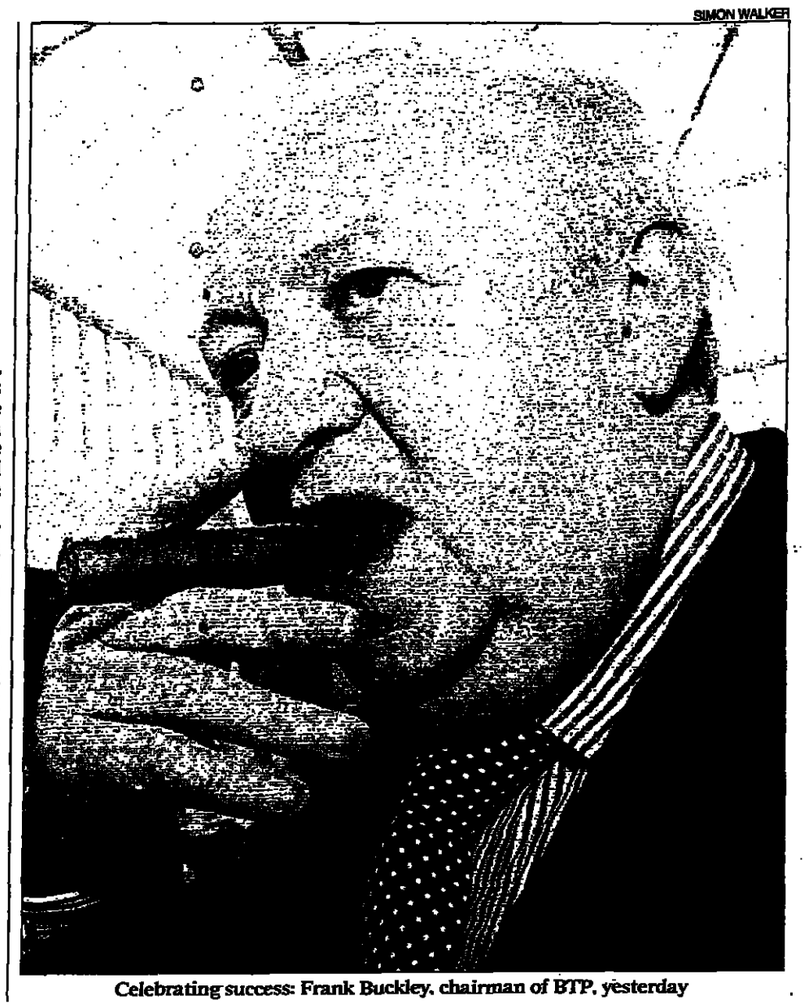
But the court's advice had a sting in the tail for pension funds. It included a recommendation that in future men and women should be paid equal pensions. At present, women receive slightly less because they are expected to live longer. Companies will have to work out transfer values and tax-free lump sums for men and women, using unisex actuarial factors. This could still add billions of pounds to employers' annual pension costs, according to one source.

The court will make a final ruling in September, but normally its advice is followed. The pensions industry has awaited a decision from the EC since May 17 1990, when, in the landmark Barber vs Guardian Royal Exchange case, the court ruled that men and women from the same company should receive equal benefits if they are in the same company pension scheme.

The main question left by the ruling was whether it could be made retrospective, in which case employers in Britain alone would have faced a multi-billion pound bill to equalise pensions for men who had retired before the normal retirement age of 65. A report made by the European Commission suggested the cost could be at least £50 billion, and a protocol was attached to the Maastricht treaty guaranteeing that pensions equalisation would not be backdated.

The opinion that the Barber ruling did not apply retrospectively was widely welcomed by pension fund managers. The corporate bill could have been so large that some companies might have decided to stop offering schemes.

SIMON WALKER



Celebrating success: Frank Buckley, chairman of BTP, yesterday

BTP plans chemical expansion

By George Sivell
City Editor

BTP, the chemicals company, is to pay £100 million cash for the bulk of MTM, the struggling chemicals group whose 1991 profits shortfall is the subject of a Serious Fraud Office enquiry.

Shareholders in BTP, whose chief executive is Stephen Hannam and chairman Frank Buckley, were told that a full bid had been contemplated for MTM after an approach in February, but after the announcement of the SFO enquiry talks switched to acquiring assets. The deal is subject to approval by both sets of shareholders.

BTP is seeking £72.2 million from shareholders in a two-for-five cash call and says it made £20.4 million before tax in the year to end-March, up from £18.2 million in the previous year. Total dividend for the year rises from 8.85p to 9.3p despite a fall in earnings from 14.8p to 14p.

MTM, meanwhile, is undergoing a reconstruction in which £90 million of debt is paid off, the remaining debt is converted into shares by the banks leaving the group with £10 million of cash and £15.8 million of net assets.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Disposals and closures fail to revive Cannon St

CANNON Street Investments — the hotel and leisure, electronics distribution and food and drink distribution group — ended 1992 with a strained balance sheet despite a string of disposals and closures. Debts stood at £29.6 million on shareholders funds of £17.8 million at the year end, but are said to now stand at well below £20 million.

Counting in £57.4 million of write-offs on goodwill and £42.5 million of losses on disposals, Cannon Street lost £117.3 million in 1992 and paid no dividend to ordinary shareholders. In 1991 they received 3.3p a share. Even before the write-offs Cannon Street suffered a trading loss of £8.4 million, a deterioration on 1991's £1.6 million loss, on sales of £240 million (£295 million). The group says finances have been stabilised, and expects a return to profit in 1993.

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BCCI charges put

SYED Ziauddin Ali Akbar, 48, the former treasurer of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International in London, was brought from France by City of London police and appeared at the City of London magistrates' court charged with 20 counts of false accounting, relating to about $920 million. Mr Akbar's extradition follows a request from the British government on behalf of the Serious Fraud Office. BCCI collapsed in July 1991 owing $10 billion.

SEC chief to be named

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton is expected to announce the appointment of Arthur Levitt, 62, as the new chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, America's most-powerful securities watchdog. Among his priorities will be the globalisation of capital markets. Elsewhere, William Donaldson, New York Stock Exchange chairman, said the NYSE must be opened up to allow foreign companies a Big Board listing. Daimler-Benz agreed to list in March.

Reuters optimistic

REUTERS Holdings, the international information group, expects continued steady growth in 1993, Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, told the annual meeting. Given current rates of exchange, the company looked forward to a double-digit revenue increase. Business was growing strongly in America and there were signs of revival in Britain. Conditions in parts of Europe and in Japan were more difficult. The shares eased 10p to £12.56.

Haemocell losses grow

SHARES in Haemocell, the blood filtration system group, fell 6p to 184p, as it announced deeper interim losses. In the six months to end-February, the group incurred a £868,000 deficit, compared with a loss of £783,000. Sales rose to £542,000 from £305,000, while the losses per share are static at 4.3p. Again there is no dividend. The company says it believes "meaningful progress" will be made in the second half.

Gencor may unbundle

GENCOR, the South African mining group, is to consider unbundling its non-mining interests. Brian Gilbertson, chairman, said the board would consider this in the light of South Africa's budget proposals. Net earnings in the current second half were unlikely to be maintained at first-half level. Pre-tax profits were R341 million (£68 million) against R373 million for the six months to February 28 and the interim dividend held at 16 cents a share.

Manders in demand

MANDERS (Holdings), the UK paints group, said that a rise in demand for its products was a good sign. Roy Amos, the chairman, told the annual meeting: "The positive trend in demand for our products has continued into April and augurs well for this year's financial results." He said first-quarter growth was very encouraging, with turnover from continuing activities up 10 per cent from the corresponding period the year before. Shares were up 1p to 300p.

Shiloh earnings surge

SHILOH, the Lancashire textile spinners-to-healthcare group, has reported taxable profits up 50 per cent to £756,560 for the year to end-March, compared with £502,782 last time. Earnings per share rose to 8.74p from 5.82p, and a final dividend of 2.025p makes a total payout to shareholders of 2.9p (2.75p). The surge in profits was driven by a strong second half performance from medical healthcare, and cost cutting in the spinning division.

Reece passes payout

DECLINING demand from the building and engineering sectors helped drive the Reece cycles-to-fasteners group into the red in 1992 and led it to pass on the final dividend. The group said the main reason for a £662,000 pre-tax loss, against a £373,000 profit last time, was a 10 per cent fall in turnover in the fasteners division, which is heavily dependent on those two sectors. Group turnover in the year to end-December fell to £13.1 million from £14.2 million.

Unexpected asset fall hits Brixton shares

By Carl Mortished

SHARES in Brixton Estate, the property investment company, fell 5 per cent to 177p on the announcement of a 19 per cent fall in net asset value from 226p to 183p per share. City analysts had been expecting just under £2. Pre-tax profits for 1992 rose 4 per cent to £28.5 million, after a 9 per cent rise in rental income to £55 million.

Industrial property makes up 60 per cent of Brixton's portfolio and the company has a heavy bias to the South East of England. Some £45 million was shaved off the portfolio after the year-end revaluation, leaving Brixton with investment assets worth £679 million.

The fall in net assets was worsened by net debt of £340 million and gearing rose from 86 per cent to 114 per cent. Earnings per share rose from 12.6p to 13.8p, covering a 3 per cent increase in the dividend to 8.35p.

Douglas Gardner, managing director, said the company had no immediate intention of raising funds. "We have always been a highly geared company," he said. "We are more interested in profits and cash flow." Mr Gardner said the company would be buying property this year. He has a preference for the western home counties, where planning restrictions are tight and industrial space is scarce. Mr Gardner is to succeed Harry Axton as chairman after the annual meeting in June.

Brixton's interest bill increased from £20 million to £24 million and the company capitalised £11.6 million of interest on completed but unlet developments, the same as the previous year.

There was a 15 per cent write-down onthe company's mid-town office properties. Provincial office properties declined by 14 per cent. The industrial portfolio fared better, with a decline of 9 per cent in the South East and 15 per cent in London.

Overseas, Brixton fared better. The fall in the value of the pound flattered the results.

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Hoover warns of drastic cuts after free flights fiasco

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

■ The man who took charge at Hoover's European operations after the free flights fiasco has given a warning that cost-cutting could mean the loss of jobs

HOOVER is warning its employees, in the wake of the furore over its free air flights promotion, that it will take tough measures to cut costs and return to profit, according to a leaked internal company memorandum.

Though the document makes no specific proposals, it warns the workforce that the company's European operations are to be reviewed in the light of heavy losses.

The document is by Gerald Kamman, who became president of Hoover Europe in the management shake-up that followed the free flights fiasco. It insists that forecast losses and the review of European operations have nothing to do with the flights row. Union leaders believe, however, that the cost-cutting indicated in the document results directly from that.

The memo says Hoover is responsible for 80 per cent of the "millions of dollars" of operating losses forecast for the company's US parent, Maytag Corporation. Indicating that there is "simply no other option" but to reduce costs to a level that allows for a reasonable profit return, the document says: "The measures to accomplish this will have to be very strong and will require that we run our business in ways never considered before. Nothing will escape review."

In the letter, which has been sent to Hoover plants in France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Scandinavia, as well as to 3,500 employees in Britain, Mr Kamman says: "Whole categories of products may have to be dropped where losses are beyond recovery."

Mr Kamman accepts that the measures will cause individuals pain, but says clearly he has "every intention to restore the company to a position of stability".

Hoover said yesterday that the letter was an internal document about which it would make no comment. But the AEEU engineering union said it would seek talks with the company over its plans. Jimmy Airlie, an AEEU executive member, said: "We do not expect to suffer because of the incompetence of their promotional schemes."

The document caused alarm at the company's plant at Cambuslang, near Glasgow, where 1,000 workers accepted a tough pay and conditions package in January, in return for the promise of 400 extra jobs.

The jobs were to be moved to Glasgow with the closure of a Hoover plant at Dijon, in France — a plan which led to a political row in France over alleged "social dumping" — but Scottish workers fear the move might not take place.

Unions expect to hear precise details of the company's plans next week, but Eddie MacEvoy, union convener at the plant, said yesterday: "The letter raises a number of questions but it does not give any answers."

Stanhope looks to Broadgate

BY CARL MORTISHED

STANHOPE Properties is holding out to its shareholders the prospect of future growth at Broadgate, the big City office development. The company made a £15.4 million loss in the six months to December 31, unchanged from the same period in 1991, but has struck three deals that should improve its chances of surviving and benefiting from its joint venture, Rosehaugh Stanhope Developments.

The recent sale of the head lease on St Botolph's House, and the grant of an option to ITN to buy its headquarters building at Gray's Inn Road, followed the £20 million sale of Millbank House in Staines, Surrey. Roy Dantzic, finance director, is confident that completion of the deals will reduce Stanhope's borrowings from £230 million in June 1992 to £125 million.

Stanhope will still be cash-negative after the debt reduction but it hopes to increase income from fee-based work on joint venture projects.

Rosehaugh Stanhope's future is partly in the hands of two sets of administrators and receivers. Olympia & York owns a third of Stanhope's shares and also has a stake in Rosehaugh, the collapsed developer that partnered Stanhope in developing Broadgate.

Stuart Lipton has a preemption right to buy O&Y's stake in Stanhope but any rumours of lettings at Broadgate or Ludgate, Rosehaugh Stanhope's other investment, could lead the accountants who control Rosehaugh to seek a buyer for the O&Y share.


ALAN WELLER

Eastern promise: Trinity Holdings is in talks that might lead to it setting up its first bus manufacturing plant in the Far East. Geoff Hollyhead chief executive, pictured above with one of Trinity's vehicles, is visiting a secret location soon to discuss the possibility. Trinity yesterday revealed more than doubled pre-tax profits of £7.1 million for the year to end-January (£3.4 million). These were the first trading results since it floated on the stock exchange last October. The shares were steady at 188p, against a placing price of 120p. Earnings per share were 10.7p against a restated 5.2p, slightly outstripping the flotation forecast of 10.6p. The maiden dividend is 1.5p as forecast. Trinity started its new financial year with a record £70 million order book and bank balances of more than £5 million. The performance was largely organic, with only £700,000 on the bottom line due to acquisitions. Trinity plans to pick up more businesses from receivers.

BT finance director to join Xerox Corporation in US

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

BARRY Romeril, BT's finance director, is to leave his £400,000-a-year job at the end of June to return to America where he will become chief financial officer at Xerox Corporation, the office-equipment company.

His departure leaves a gaping hole in BT's top management only weeks before the marketing of the third sale of government shares in the phone giant is due to start.

Mr Romeril is well regarded in the City, but analysts said yesterday that his timing could have been better.

One analyst said he will be missed by BT. He said: "The management team has been restructured since he joined in 1988 and the company is perceived as having got to grips with the major issues which faced it."

Another said Mr Romeril had been associated with BT's cost-cutting drive, but Michael Hepher, group managing director, has since taken over much of that work.

Iain Vallance, the chairman, said: "We are very sorry to see Barry go. He has been a most effective finance director, and has made a major contribution at BT over the past five years."

Mr Romeril said: "My time at BT has been one of considerable satisfaction and enjoyment during which the company has gone through a period of fundamental change. In many ways I am sorry to be leaving."

Mr Romeril came to BT from BTR where he was also finance director, having joined BTR as vice-president of finance for its American company. Before BTR he worked for ICI for 14 years in various jobs in America and the UK.

A spokesman for BT said the company has already started considering Mr Romeril's replacement. Separately, BT said it will have to resume making contributions to its pension scheme from this month after last year's Release 92 redundancy programme exhausted the scheme's surplus.

BT has enjoyed a pension-fund holiday since actuaries identified a £1.7 billion surplus in the year ending March 1990. The actuaries estimate the surplus was reduced to £119 million by last month after a large chunk was used last year to help fund redundancies of 29,000 staff. BT estimates it will need to contribute £200 million this year.

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Names hope for lifeline today

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of financially stricken Lloyd's names will be checking a 70-page document today in the hope that it will be the key to all their problems and provide them with a much needed lifeline.

The hubbub surrounding the unveiling of today's business plan, the first in the 306-year-old market's history, has reached fever pitch in the past few days as both names and market practitioners prepare for the plan's programme of radical reform.

The plan's aim is to return the loss-making market back to profit — and quickly. Central to achieving this is the vital need to make swingeing cuts to the market's cost base, to stem the flood of capital leaving the market and to resolve the mass of litigation between names and their agents.

However, while the plan will redress the first two problems, names have become increasingly concerned that it will fail to help those names currently embroiled in increasingly bitter legal battles.

Thousands of names facing financial ruin have turned to the courts to try to recover insurance losses running into millions of pounds.

The plan will, however, provide some relief to names stuck on syndicates with years of account that have been left open, a situation which arises when future losses are unquantifiable.

A similar problem Lloyd's has to tackle is the rising tide of claims, which are hitting the market in relation to policies that were written years, or decades, ago.

This issue needs to be solved because Lloyd's wants to attract "incorporated capital" into the market, but these new capital providers do not want to join while there is the prospect of taking on any past losses.

As a result, the plan is said to suggest that the historical losses are ring-fenced by the old policies being swept up and placed in a new company.



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STOCK MARKET

Nearly £8bn wiped off share values

SHARES in London came in for a battering as a wave of futures selling dragged the cash market sharply lower, wiping nearly £8 billion off share values.

Sellers waded in on the back of an aggressive June FT-SE futures contract sell-off which left the index down 45.6 points at one stage in spite of good domestic economic data, a German money rate cut and strong overnight performances in Tokyo and New York. Senior traders reported that big American investors, said to include Salomon Brothers, were heavy sellers of European stock futures, depressing the cash market on the back of basket trades.

Some City rumours also suggested that George Soros, the currency and gold speculator, was going short on all European stock futures markets, supposedly selling the future and buying gold.

Meanwhile, a mildly disappointing reaction to the latest £3 billion gilt auction did not help matters. A mixed start to trading on Wall Street did little to bolster afternoon sentiment in London, although losses were trimmed before the close.

The FT-SE 100 index, which was sporting an 11.5 point futures-led advance at one point, finished below the important 2,800 level. It ended, down 35.4 points, at 2,797.3. Second liners proved more resilient, with the FT-SE Mid losing only 12.6 points to 3,121.7. Volume, boosted by basket trading, reached 699.1 million.

Smith New Court placed about 8.3 million shares in **Jupiter Tyndall** on behalf of Mercury Asset Management. That represented MAM's entire 23.7 per cent stake in the banking and investment management group. Smith New Court placed the shares with a wide range of institutional investors at 156p, with the placing said to have been oversubscribed. Shares in Jupiter Tyndall were unchanged at 158p, on a volume of 17 million.

Jupiter Tyndall last week reported a near five-fold rise in full-year pre-tax profits to £5.7 million (£1.17 million). Analysts said MAM took advantage of good sentiment after the results to place its stake. The stake is thought to have been picked up at an average price of 140p.

Shares in **RTZ Corp** fell 1p to 647p, after touching a low of 637p. This followed a downgrade and cuts in earnings forecasts by Smith New Court. Emil Morfett, of Smith New Court, cut his 1993 net income forecast for the mining concern by £40 million to £372 million, or 36p per share, with 1994's estimate reduced by £45 million to £546 million, or 53p per share.

Smith New Court views the shares as a short-term sell, based on poor fundamentals in terms of the copper price and the sterling exchange rate. Mr Morfett said: "There have been adverse movements in currencies and the copper price has fallen off its perch."

There were renewed market rumours that signing of the Hong Kong airport deal was imminent, with talk that today could be the day. If the stories are true, analysts said there could be a substantial future fillip for a number of concerns, including **Trafalgar House**, whose interests span construction to Cunard shipping and the Ritz. **Amec**, off 2p at 95p, **Costain**, up 1p to 35p, and **BICC**, off 3p at 355p. **Trafalgar House**, a leading player in the Far East region which is already building the Hong Kong bridge, saw its A shares ease 1p to 86½p.

It was a better session for most pharmaceutical stocks, with further gains after Tuesday's late spurt.

Wellcome rose 12p to 735p and **SmithKline Beecham** A added 7½p to 468p, reacting to gains in American drug stocks on Wall Street overnight. One leading analyst said: "The leading US stocks were about three to five per cent higher in New York. Fears about the potential extent of Clinton's healthcare reforms seems to be on the wane." However, **Glaxo Holdings** lost 7p to 587p, with sentiment depressed by an announcement from the annual meeting of Merck and Co, the American concern, that it is working on a new asthma drug and a potential migraine treatment, viewed by analysts as a potential competitor to Glaxo's Imigran.

Salomon Brothers, the New York securities house, was understood to have been quoting a Zeneca grey market price of 698p, against 705p on Tuesday, before the proposed demerger from **ICI**, whose slimmed-down grey market price was said to have been quoted at 547p. ICI remained immune to selling pressures before its first-quarter results today, with the shares up 13p to £12.47.

TI Group, fresh from a series of reassuring presentations, rose 6p to 306p as some buyers emerged, with turnover reaching 2.2 million shares.

BT, which announced that its finance director is to leave at the end of June, lost 9½p to 406½p as fears heightened that the group faces a tough battle with AT&T in America over market access to the US telephone network. Elsewhere in the sector, **Cable and Wireless** fell 18p to 684p.

Euro Disneyland shares fell 42p to 853p, giving a two-day loss of 80p, as fresh selling emerged after unfavourable press reports on the theme park operator.

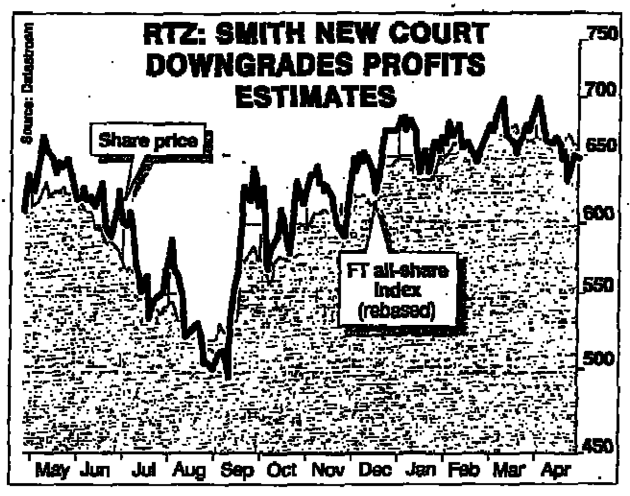
There was interest in **TSB**, off 2p to 185p, with volume swelling to a heavy 16 million shares, as a combination of buying, selling and agency crosses, said to be at 187½p, took place. The announcement that **BTP**, the chemicals group, is buying most of the businesses of **MTM**, its troubled rival, for £100 million boosted BTP shares by 11p to 250p. MTM eased 1p to 10½p. The acquisition will be part funded by a £72.2 million rights issue on a two-for-five basis, at 185p a share. **International Business Communication** rose 2¼p to 7¼p, on relatively heavy volume of 3.6 million, with reports of a couple of agency crosses going through at the 5¼p and 5½p levels.

Elsewhere, a bear squeeze saw shares in **Blacks Leisure** advance 7p to 33p, while **Helical Bar**, fresh from a buy recommendation by Credit Lyonnais Laing, rose 6p to 191p.

PHILIP PANGALOS

BAT Industries fell 13p to 838p in spite of a buy recommendation from Ian Rennardson, of Yamaichi. He thinks BAT shares could go to 950p in the short term and is positive about its tobacco prospects in spite of concerns about a price war after Philip Morris reduced cigarette prices in America.

Colorgen, the USM-quoted company that makes computerised paint matching systems, went against the gloomy trend, with the shares adding 4½p to 34p. Takeover rumours appear to have resurfaced and there was upbeat talk of recovery prospects and even possible tie-up with another leading company.



WORLD MARKETS

Eastman Kodak drop hurts Dow

New York — A drop in Eastman Kodak shares hit the Dow Jones industrial average and kept it pinned down in early trading.

George Pirrone, senior trader at Dreyfus Corporation, said: "The disturbing thing is how viciously stocks with bad news are attacked. If you extract the Eastman Kodak element, the Dow is not that bad. It was even having a slightly better day." Eastman Kodak was down 5⅞ at 46½.

The Dow was down 9.73 points to 3,406.21. Advancing issues led declining shares nine to eight.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended higher, with the easing yen helping to boost sentiment. But the market lost steam on profit-taking before the golden week holiday that starts today. The Nikkei average was up 247.86 points, or 1.23 per cent, at 20,454.57, with an estimated 800 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed higher, with the Hang Seng index at another record, on hopes that the Sino-British talks in Peking would lead to discussions on Hong Kong's new airport, brokers reported. The index was up 58.02 points, ending at a closing high of 6,894.90, although it was down from its peak for the day.

☐ **Singapore** — Share prices finished lower, with sentiment cautious after the Straits Times industrial index failed to stage a fresh assault on the key 1,800 resistance level, brokers reported. The index fell 6.71 points to end at 1,779.92.

☐ **Sydney** — After dipping at the opening, Australian shares regained some strength to close only slightly down in lacklustre trading, brokers reported. The all-ordinaries index closed, down 1.2 points, at 1,703.5.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Share prices closed lower as bearish sentiment was fuelled by pessimism about the outlook for the German economy. Traders said that the cut in the Bundesbank's repo rate had failed to boost the market. The Dax index closed 11.91 points lower at 1,628.87. *(Reuter)*

Kodak plans suffer setback

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

EASTMAN Kodak's attempts to bring its corporate strategy back into sharp focus have hit a serious setback. Shares plunged as Christopher Steffen, the finance director seen as the saviour of the troubled company, left abruptly after just 11 weeks.

A statement said Mr Steffen, 51, and Kay Whitmore, 60, Kodak chairman and chief executive, disagreed over the "process for making changes." The clash is believed to have been over the job cuts needed to restore Kodak's fortunes, which peaked in 1988 with profits of $1.4 billion. Mr Steffen is understood to have wanted 10,000-15,000, but Mr Whitmore, a Mormon, has been reluctant.

The boardroom shake-up stunned Wall Street. Analysts returned bullish after a recent meeting with Mr Steffen and recommended that their clients buy the shares. The price hit a peak for the year at $56.75. But the rush to sell yesterday was so great trading was halted for a period.

Kodak's first-quarter sales inched 1 per cent ahead to $4.44 billion, producing a near 3 per cent advance in net profits to $149 million. After a special accounting charge, it made a $1.88 billion loss.

Kodak's mainstay product is being hit by own-brand photo films and competition from Fuji of Japan. Attempts to diversify have not been enough to offset interest payments on its debts.

Gas firms press to compete

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THREE of Britain's biggest independent gas suppliers are calling for the right to compete with British Gas for household customers, claiming that they could cut domestic bills by £50 a year, or more than ten per cent.

Their case is reinforced by a study commissioned from Coopers & Lybrand, the consultant, which says consumers would benefit from a fully competitive domestic market.

Sir James McKinnon, the gas industry regulator, welcomed the report, saying that it "demonstrates that competitors are willing and able to shoulder the responsiblities of serving a fully competitive market".

British Gas protested earlier this year after Ofgas called for full competition and Sir James suggested that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, now reviewing the future shape of Britain's gas industry, might recommend the company's break-up into more suppliers. The study was also welcomed by Ian Powe, director of the Gas Consumers' Council, who was unhappy with the Ofgas idea for a regional break-up of British Gas.

The report was financed by Alliance Gas, Utilicorp and Total. Each is wholly or partly foreign owned and would hope to secure larger sales if British Gas's monopoly were broken. Together, the three companies account for more than half of independent gas sales to industry.

Stoy Hayward faces writ over Polly Peck

BY ANGELA MACKAY

POLLY Peck's administrators are considering issuing a writ for damages of at least £100 million from Stoy Hayward, the collapsed trading company's former accountants.

The suit depends on a final report from Ernst & Young, the firm of accountants that is looking into Stoy Hayward's term as Polly Peck's auditors.

Touche Ross, the administrator handling litigation stemming from the company's collapse, has already received a preliminary report that warrants further investigation.

Asil Nadir, the former chairman accused of theft, is being sued for $371 million missing from the company's balance sheet. Stoy Hayward's liability, if any, could come to about half this amount. Polly Peck went into administration in October 1990 owing £1.6 billion. So far, Coopers & Lybrand, administrators in charge of tracing and realising assets, have been able to realise $260 million.

Unless some or all of Touche Ross's extensive program of civil litigation is successful, creditors can only expect about 3p in the pound.

Other assets include a $100 million stake in Sansui, the Japanese electronics group, and several businesses in Turkey and northern Cyprus.

Touche Ross issued a protective writ against Stoy Hayward at the end of 1991, but the papers were never served. Stoy Hayward yesterday said that any legal action would be strenuously defended.

WALL STREET

	Apr 28 midday	Apr 27 close
AMP Inc	60	60
AMR Corp	64	69
Abbott Labs	27	28
Aetna Life	49	50
Ahmanson (HF)	18	17
Air Prod & Chem	43	43
Albertson's	54	53
Alcan Alumnm	18	19
Alco Standard	46	46
Allied Signal	62	62
Alum Co of Am	65	65
Amax	16	16
Amerada Hess	53	52
Amer Brands	31	31
Amer Cyanamid	51	52
Amer El Power	36	37
Amer Express	27	28
Amer Genl Corp	29	30
Amer Home Pr	66	67
Amer Intl	120	121
Amer Stores	40	40
Amer T & T	57	56
Ameritech	76	76
Amoco	55	54
Anheuser-Busch	47	47
Apple Computer	50	50
Archer Daniels	24	24
Arkla	9	9
Armco	7	7
Armstrng Wrld	32	32
Asarco	19	19
Ashland Oil	25	25
Atl Richfield	123	123
Auto Data Pro	48	49
Avery Dennison	30	30
Avon Products	53	54
Baker Hughes	27	26
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	54	53
BankAmerica	46	45
Bank of NY	53	52
Bankers Tr NY	70	69
Barnett Banks	45	42
Bausch & Lomb	50	50
Baxter Intl	27	28
Becton Dicknsn	34	34
Bell Atlantic	52	52
BellSouth	53	53
Black & Decker	18	19
Block (H&R)	34	34
Boeing	37	37
Boise Cascade	25	25
Borden Inc	24	24
Bristol Myrs Sq	60	61
Browning Ferris	27	26
Burlington Nthn	52	52
CBS	233	234
CNA Financial	96	97
CPC Intl	41	42
CSX	72	72
Campbell Soup	38	38
Can Pacific	16	16
Cptl Cities ABC	530	530
Cptl Holdings	78	78
Carolina Pwr	33	33
Caterpillar	66	67
Central & SW	32	32
Champion Intl	34	34
Chase Manhat	30	30
Chemical Bk	38	37
Chevron Corp	85	81
Chrysler	40	39
Chubb Corp	87	88
Cigna Corp	60	60
Citicorp	27	26
Clorox	48	47
Coastal Corp	28	28
Coca Cola	39	39
Colgate-Palmolive	59	58
Columbia Gas	23	22
Commonw Ed	28	28
Compaq Comp	48	48
Comp Ass Int	22	22
Conagra	24	24
Cons Edison	35	35
Cons Nat Gas	49	50
Cons Rail	50	50
Cooper Inds	46	46
Corning Inc	34	33
Crown Cork	38	38
Dana Corp	48	48
Dayton Hudson	70	69
Deere	58	59
Delta Air Lines	58	58
Deluxe Corp	44	44
Detroit Edison	35	35
Digital Equip	43	44
Dillard Dept St	37	37
Disney (Walt)	40	40
Dominion Res	43	43
Donelley (RR)	27	26
Dover Corp	48	48
Dow Chemicals	55	55
Dow Jones	31	31
Dresser	21	20
Duke Power	39	39
Dun & Brdstreet	59	59
Du Pont	52	52
Eastman Kodak	46	52 xd
Eaton Corp	91	89
Emerson Elec	57	58
Engelhard Corp	29	32
Enron Corp	56	54
Entergy Corp	36	36
Ethyl Corp	25	25
Exxon	65	65
FMC Corp	44	44
FPL Group	37	37
Federal Express	49	51
Fed Nat Mtge	77	77
First Chicago	39	38
First Interstate	55	55
First Union Rlty	11	11
Fleet Finl Grp	31	31
Fluor Corp	39	39
Ford Motor	53	52
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	51	52
Gap Inc Del	28	28
Gen Cinema	35	35
Gen Dynamics	95	95
Gen Electric	91	92
Gen Mills	66	66
Gen Motors	41	40
Gen Reinsurance	112	113
Gen Signal	61	60
Genuine Parts	33	33
Georgia Pac	66	66
Gillette	52	51
Glaxo ADR	18	18
Goodrich (BF)	46	47
Goodyear Tire	74	74
Grace (W&R)	38	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29	29
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	41	38
Heinz (HJ)	36	36
Hercules	73	72
Hershey Foods	52	52
Hewlett Packard	72	72
Hilton Hotels	44	44
Home Depot	42	42
Homestake	16	15
Honeywell	34	34
Household Intl	67	68
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	8	8
ITT Corp	81	81
Illinois Tool	71	71
INCO	23	23
Ingersoll Rand	32	32
Inland Steel	22	22
Intel Corp	94	92
IBM	48	48
Intl Flav & Fr	111	111
Intl Paper	65	65
James River Va	20	21
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	42	42
K Mart	22	22
Kellogg	56	57
Kerr-McGee	48	48
Kimberly-Clark	47	47
Knight-Ridder	57	58
Lilly (Eli)	48	48
Limited Inc	23	23
LIN Brdcstng	84	84
Lincoln Nat	78	78
Litton	57	57
Liz Claiborne	34	35
Lockheed Corp	61	60
Louisiana Pac	70	70
MCI Commun.	46	47
Marriott	24	24
Marsh & McLnn	88	88
Masco Corp	31	30
May Dept St	70	68
Maytag Corp	13	13
McCaw Cellular	36	36
McDonalds	48	47
McDonnell D	59	59
McGraw Hill	61	61
Mead Corp	45	45
Medtronic	66	65
Mellon Bk	57	54
Melville Corp	45	45
Merck Inc	37	37
Merrill Lynch	69	69
Minnesota Mine	111	111
Mobil Corp	69	67
Monsanto	54	55
Morgan (JP)	68	67
Motorola Inc	70	69
Natl Medical	7	7
Natl Semi	12	12
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	31	31
NY Times A	29	29
Newmont Mng	47	46
Nlag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	69	70
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	29	28
Norfolk Sthrn	60	60
Nthn State Pwr	45	45
Norwest Corp	50	50
Nynex Corp	85	85
Occidental Pet	21	21
Ohio Edison	34	25
Oracle Systems	33	33
Oryx Energy Co	22	22
Owens Corning	39	39
PNC Financial	31	32
PPG Industries	72	72
Paccar Inc	59	59
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	23	23
Pac Gas & Elect	32	33
Pac Telesis	46	46
Pall Corp	19	19
Panhandle East	21	21
Paramnt Comm	51	51
Parker Hannifin	29	29
Penney (JC)	84	82
Pennzoil	61	60
Pepsico	37	38
Pfizer	67	67
Phelps Dodge	44	43
Philadel Elec	29	29
Philip Morris	45	46
Phillips Pet	28	27
Pitney Bowes	40	40
Polaroid	32	32
Price Co	28	29
Primerica	44	44
Procter & Gmbl	48	48
Pub Serv E & G	34	33
Quaker Oats	66	66
Ralston Purina	47	47
Raychem Corp	40	38
Raytheon	58	58
Reebok Ind	35	35
Reynolds Metals	44	44
Roadway Svcs	59	59
Rockwell Intl	32	32
Rohm & Haas	60	60
Royal Dutch	89	89
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	58	59
St Paul's Cos	79	79
Salomon Inc	35	36
Santa Fe S Pac	16	15
Sara Lee Corp	25	25
Scecorp	48	47
Schering Plough	66	68
Schlumberger	64	62
Scott Paper	33	33
Seagram	29	29
Sears Roebuck	52	53
Shell Trans	53	53
Sherwin Wllms	31	31
Skyline Corp	19	19
Snap-On-Tools	36	37
Southern Co	42	42
Sthwestern Bell	77	77
Sprint Corp	31	31
Stanley Works	46	46
Sun Company	29	29
Suntrust	44	43
Supervalu	31	31
Syntex Corp	19	19
Sysco Corp	26	26
TRW Inc	63	63
Tandem Comp	10	10
Tandy Corp	28	29
Telecom Corp	2	2
Teledyne	19	19
Temple Inland	44	44
Tenneco	46	46
Texaco	63	62
Texas Inst	55	54
Texas Utilities	46	46
Textron	49	49
Time Warner	32	32
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	31	30
Torchmark	55	55
Toys R Us	36	37
Transamerica	48	48
Travelers Corp	27	27
Tribune	54	54
Tyco Labs	42	42
UAL Corp	145	146
UST Inc	28	28
USX Marathon	18	18
Unilever NV	113	115
Union Camp	44	45
Union Carbide	19	20
Union Pacific	60	60
Unisys Corp	12	11
USAIR Group	21	21
USF&G Corp	17	17
US Life	38	38
US West	42	43
United Tech	48	49
Unocal Corp	30	29
Upjohn	29	30
VF Corp	48	48
Wal-Mart Stores	26	27
Warner-Lambert	73	74
Waste Mgmnt Inc	32	33
Wells Fargo	106	106
Westinghouse El	15	15
Weyerhaeuser	44	44
Whirlpool	55	56
Whitman	13	13
Winn Dixie	54	54
Woolworth	30	30
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	30	30
Xerox	76	75

BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT stocks started well on hopes of a good reception for the latest £3 billion 7¼ per cent 1998 gilts auction, but any optimism was shortlived, with the market coming off at the longer end after a fall in the Bund market.

Most gains were reversed after the outcome of the auction showed it 1.77 times covered. The market tumbled as a result, with the gilt future slumping to a low of £104 16/32 before recovering to close, down £1 1/16, at £104 19/32, on a heavy volume of 64,000 contracts traded for the June series.

Meanwhile, longer dated securities, especially those over ten years, fared worse with the Bund's moves compounding the effects of the auction. Among stocks, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 fell 35 ticks to £104 23/32, while Exchequer 9¾ per cent 1998 fell 11 ticks to £109 22/32.

1993 High	1993 Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
109	101	Treas 12½% 1993	101	...	12.32	5.71
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.89
108	104	Treas 13¼% 1993	104 xd	...	13.17	5.83
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	101	...	8.34	5.90
109	106	Treas 14½% 1994	106	...	13.57	5.98
109	107	Exch 13½% 1994	107	+	12.59	5.98
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104	+	9.60	6.11
110	107	Exch 12¼% 1994	107	+	11.59	6.29
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	+	8.66	6.34
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	+	11.01	6.48
96	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	95 xd	-	3.13	5.25
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.54	6.63
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114	-	11.18	6.69
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	-	11.92	6.91
125	122	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	-	12.49	7.00
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	116 xd	-	11.33	6.99
111	109	Conv 10% 1996	109	-	9.14	6.98
122	119	Treas 13¼% 1997	119	-	11.08	7.19
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	-	9.44	7.12
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	106	-	8.25	7.10
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	128	-	11.64	7.36
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	109	-	8.88	7.28
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100	-	7.20	7.09
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98 xd	-	6.83	7.04
138	134	Treas 15½% 1998	134	-	11.51	7.97
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	119	-	10.07	7.70
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	109	-	8.71	7.51
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	121	-	10.12	7.75
117	113	Treas 10½% 1999	113 xd	-	9.22	7.63
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	113	-	9.05	7.64
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	107	-	8.37	7.59
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	127	-	10.23	8.00
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	111	-	8.94	7.93
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	125	-	11.12	7.73
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	-	8.79	8.06
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	100	-	7.99	7.98
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	112	-	8.88	8.18
122	116	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	118	-	9.67	8.20
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	70	-	4.96	7.43
112	108	Conv 9½% 2004	109	-	8.70	8.25
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	109	-	8.70	8.28
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127 xd	-	9.81	8.51
101	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	98	-	8.09	8.21
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	-	9.67	8.46
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	101	-	8.38	8.34
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	-	10.00	8.51
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	105 xd	-	8.54	8.37
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	96	-	8.26	8.41
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	104	-	8.58	8.47
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	104	-	8.59	8.49
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74	-	7.30	8.15
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	-	8.20	8.41
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	131	-	9.14	8.70
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	102	-	8.57	8.54
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	46	-	8.58	...
42	38	War Ln 3½%	40 xd	-	8.58	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	62	-	5.62	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	30	-	8.16	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	29	...	8.55	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	-	...	1.13
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	-	1.70	2.58
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108	-	2.25	2.85
168	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	-	2.76	3.11
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	-	2.89	3.18
111	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	-	3.03	3.32
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	-	3.04	3.27
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	-	3.26	3.46
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	-	3.33	3.51
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128	-	3.41	3.58
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	134	-	3.46	3.63
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131	-	3.52	3.66
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	108	-	3.55	3.68
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	-	3.56	3.70

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Danka Bus Systems 587p (+12p)
Epwin 225p (+14p)
Jacques Vert 90p (+12p)
BTP 250p (+11p)
Delta 504p (+16p)
Taunton Cider 213p (+11p)

FALLS:

THORN EMI 849p (-13p)
Lloyds 522p (-12p)
Nat West 463p (-10p)
Allied Lyons 576p (-11p)
Bass 539p (-15p)
Grand Met 411p (-13p)
Scot & Newcastle 456p (-10p)
Lambert 365p (-15p)
BAT 838p (-13p)
Cable Wireless 684p (-18p)
Warner Howard 310p (-15p)
Kingfisher 590p (-10p)

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RECENT ISSUES

David Brown (70)	212	...
Fleming Emg Mkts (100)	105	...
Gaelic Resources Wrts	¼	...
Hambros Ins Serv (138)	149	+2
Holliday Chemical (195)	213	...
Oriental Smllr Co's Wts	40	...
Qlty Software Prods (380)	491	-3
Stagecoach (112)	127	+3
Westminster Hlthcr (260)	290	...
Yorkshire Food (110)	135	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

AAF n/p (175)	23	...
Atlas Cnvrtg Eqp n/p (550)	111	-2
Avesco n/p (63)	20	-2
Bemrose n/p (265)	70	...
Bensons Crisps n/p (58)	7	...
Channel Hldgs n/p (23)	1½	...
EIS n/p (340)	20	...
Harris (P) n/p (200)	10	-1
Headlam n/p (92)	29	...
Hunting n/p (185)	17	-5

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LEGAL NOTICES

To the shareholders of

GN Great Nordic

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held on Monday 17 May 1993 at 3.30 pm at Industriens Hus, H.C. Andersens Boulevard 18, DK-1596 Copenhagen V, to transact the following business:

a. To receive and consider the report for the year ended 31 December 1992.

b. To receive and adopt the annual financial statements and discharge the Board of Directors and the Management from their obligations.

c. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution for the distribution of the net profit for the year, including the declaration of a dividend on the shares of the Company.

d. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that a number of minor amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company be adopted in compliance with the provisions of the Danish Companies Act as amended; Article 10: contents of the notice convening a general meeting, Article 11: the time of the ordinary general meeting, Article 13: requirement for time limit for registration of shares, Article 18: representation at a general meeting of temporarily non-voting shares, Article 20: disclosure of other directorships, Article 22: duty of the Board of Directors to consider the Company's capital adequacy ratio, Article 25: separate tasks performed for the Board of Directors by individual Board members.

e. To consider and, if thought fit, pass a resolution proposed by the Board of Directors that the Company be entitled to acquire up to 10 per cent of its own shares.

f. To elect Directors in the place of those retiring.

g. To appoint two auditors for the current financial year.

For the passing of the resolution set out under item d. on the agenda, it is required under Article 18 of the Articles of Association that not less than one quarter of the share capital be represented at the General Meeting and that the resolution be approved by not less than two thirds of the votes cast and two thirds of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting. In the event that the required percentage of the share capital is not represented, but where the resolution has been approved by the above-mentioned qualified majority of votes, the resolution may, however, be finally passed at a new general meeting convened for the transaction of this business by the said qualified majority, irrespective of the percentage of the voting share capital represented at the General Meeting.

From Thursday 6 May 1993 the agenda and the full and complete resolutions to be proposed at the General Meeting, as well as the annual financial statements and consolidated accounts with the Auditors' Report and the Report of the Directors, will be available for inspection by the shareholders at the Company's registered office at Kongens Nytorv 26, second floor, and in London and Paris, and not later than eight days prior to the General Meeting the said material will be posted to any shareholder on the Company's register of members to such address as has been given to the Company.

Admission cards to the General Meeting will, until five days prior to the meeting, be available at request from the Company's office on all weekdays (excluding Saturdays) between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm to any shareholder who can prove a good title to his shares. As far as bearer shares are concerned, the shareholder shall prove his title to such shares by presenting a statement of his holding of shares in the Company, dated 5 May 1993 and issued by the shareholder's account-holding bank.

Any right to vote shall be conditional upon the voting share being registered in the name of the shareholder and entered in the register of members maintained by the Company and upon the shareholder being entitled to attend the meeting pursuant to the above-mentioned provisions. Where the shareholder has acquired the share by way of transfer, the share shall furthermore have been registered in the name of the shareholder for not less than three months prior to the date of the General Meeting.

No director is employed with the Company under a contract of service.

Copenhagen, 27 April 1993.

The Board of Directors

LEGAL NOTICES

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Andre Bernard International Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at The Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1 on 12th May 1993 at 1400 hrs for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Mr Anthony Peter Supperstone of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the above company and will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Dated: 23rd April 1993
By Order of the Board
James Kimber, Director.

ARMADA FINANCE
FLINDERS LIMITED
BALDER SECURITIES LIMITED
(All in Members' Voluntary Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
I, Delma Lynne Thompson of 321 Kent Street, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia hereby give notice that on the 4th day of March 1993 I was appointed Liquidator of the above-named companies.
D.L. THOMPSON, Liquidator.

Bernies of Edgware Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on 14th May 1993 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
DATED this 26th April 1993.
G.S. Tucker, Director

CENTRAL CASTING ATMOS LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members of the company on 2 April 1993. This appointment was confirmed by the creditors on 22 April 1993.
DATED this 22 April 1993
Peter S Dunn FCA, Liquidator

H.J. GRIMES LIMITED
Registered number: 1362569. Trading name: H.J. Grimes Limited. Nature of business: Butchers. Trade classification: 16. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 16 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc., Joint Administrative Receivers: Paul M Davis and Derrick S Woolf (office holder nos: 007806 and 002969). Address: Levy Gee and Partners 7th Floor Woburn House 56 Dingwall Road, Croydon CR0 0XH.

In the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No. 7307 of 1989
In the matter of CAPITAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS LIMITED
I, Melvyn Laurence Rose, of Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road London, NW9 0BS, Supervisor of Capital Information Systems Limited, hereby give notice that it is intended to declare a dividend in the above matter.
Any Creditor who wishes to be included in the dividend is required to furnish details of their claim to the Supervisor, in writing, within twenty-one days of the date hereof, or be excluded from the dividend.
DATED this 23rd day of April 1993
Melvyn L. Rose, Supervisor.

VISIONBRIDGE LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 19th April 1993.
DATED this 19th April 1993
Peter S Dunn FCA, Liquidator

Langland Limited
Registered Number: 603166. Former company name: Langland Jewellery Co Limited. Trading Name: Langland Limited. Nature of Business: Manufacture & Export of Jewellery. Trade Classification: 11. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 23 April 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Names of persons appointed: D J Buchler and L A Manning both of 84 Grosvenor Street London W1X 9DF (office holder nos: 3136 and 6477). Joint Administrative Receivers.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Cloverly Limited
Registered number: FC 015788. Nature of business: Antique Dealer. Trade classification: Other Services- Antique Dealer. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 22 April 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Private Bank and Trust Co. Ltd. Joint Administrative Receivers: Nicholas Roger Lyle and David Llewellyn Morgan. Office holder nos: 2106 and 2362. Address: P O Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP.

Taylor Works and Partner Ltd
Registered Number: 858613. Trading Name: Taylor Weeks and Partner Limited. Nature of Business: Printers. Trade Classification: PA 4899. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 16 April 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Midland Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter William Crosiete DuBuisson and Phillip Rodney Sykes, (office holder nos: 1369 and 6119) of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
BALDER SECURITIES LIMITED
FLINDERS LIMITED
ARMADA FINANCE
(In Members' Liquidation)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the abovenamed companies are required, on or before 30th April 1993, to send their names, addresses and particulars of their claims to the undersigned, the Liquidator of the said Companies, at Ernst & Young, Level 13, 321 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such claims are notified.
Dated: 2nd April 1993.
Delma Lynne Thompson, Liquidator
NOTE: This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106(1)
D Russell (London) plc
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that I, Anthony Peter Supperstone, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on 19 April 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 22 April 1993
A P Supperstone, Liquidator

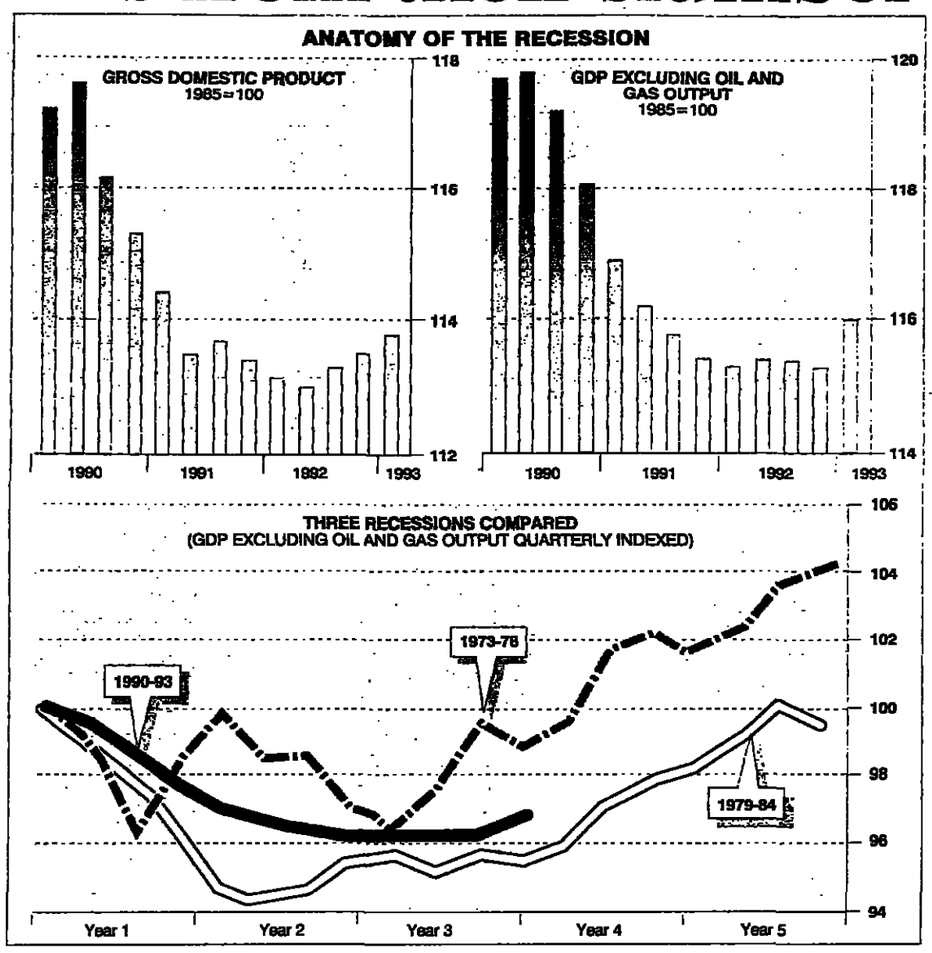
PUBLIC NOTICES

RUKBA
The Annual General Meeting of THE ROYAL UNITED KINGDOM BENEFICENT ASSOCIATION will be held at The Worshipful Company of Plaisterers at 2.30 pm on Monday 24 May 1993 to receive the Report of the Committee and the Accounts for 1992 and to elect Members of the Committee and the Auditors.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Shaking the Treasury's smug mandarins from their slumber

Anatole Kaletsky considers that the contempt the Chancellor and officials show to his suggested policy changes is a badge of honour



Norman Lamont says that "Britain is now starting to see the rewards of the policies the government has pursued over the last few years". If you agree with this assessment, you may as well stop reading this article. Whether the newfound strength of the British economy is due less to the Treasury's determination to defend the overvalued pound or its failure to do so is a judgment that can be left to history and Mr Lamont's conscience. But now that the statistics are clearly showing the economic recovery that started, in my view, at 4 pm on September 16, it is time to look forward, instead of back.

The priorities for economic debate must change. Now that the economy has been successfully kick-started, policies must be devised to sustain rapid non-inflationary growth for many years to come — and that is why anyone who agrees with the Treasury analysis should not bother to read on.

Next week, I shall discuss in detail some of the policies that could prevent rapid growth from being translated into unsustainable imports, excessive consumption and high inflation. But first, I must discuss a broader issue. All of my policies have been specifically ruled out by the Chancellor, on the strongest Treasury advice. In fact, the very idea that economic policy should aim to achieve rapid growth, strong exports and low inflation all at the same time, has been ridiculed and rubbished by Treasury officials and ministers for years. Personally, I consider the Treasury's contempt a badge of honour. But many readers presumably share Mr Lamont's view that the Treasury has shown an excellent understanding of economics. Hence the need for a theoretical digression.

The concept the Treasury so despises is essentially simple. It is that government has at hand several tools for economic policy and, broadly speaking, it can aim to achieve as many objectives as it has tools. The main macroeconomic instruments are monetary and *fiscal policy, which between them have* a strong influence on another key determinant of economic performance, the exchange rate.

But depending on political and social conditions, other tools may also be available, including public spending priorities, tax incentives, incomes policies, tariffs, industrial subsidies, and various credit controls. The trouble with most of these is that their use often has unpredictable and damaging side-effects. Furthermore, their impact can never be perfectly calibrated, and their effectiveness diminishes as economic actors find ways around them.

The Treasury rightly questioned the pre-Thatcher consensus in favour of incomes policy, industrial policy and credit controls, on the ground that businesses, employees, and financiers eventually find ways to abuse them. But in the days of Nigel Lawson, the Treasury went to unprecedented extremes to prove that there was only one effective economic instrument — monetary policy — and, therefore, that the government could have only one economic objective, low inflation.

Most perniciously, the Treasury denied the macroeconomic effects of exchange rates, arguing that any fall in the value of the pound would always lead exporters to raise their costs and prices, nullifying any benefits from devaluation for international competitiveness or economic growth. Under the influence of an American theory called "rational expectations", the mandarins also purported to show that trying to manage demand with fiscal policy was futile; an increase in government borrowing would make consumers and businessmen expect higher taxes in future, and therefore have no net effect on demand.

There is a grain of truth in all these arguments, but the Treasury took them to absurd extremes. It also never admitted that the law of diminishing returns applied with equal force to its own favoured instruments — monetary targets of every kind.

Goodhart's Law, named after Charles Goodhart who used to be chief economist at the Bank of England, asserts that "whenever a monetary indicator is chosen as an official target it becomes distorted". This law has been amply confirmed by experience since monetary targeting became fashionable in the mid-1970s, not only in Britain, but also in America, Japan and elsewhere. In recent months, even the unrepentant monetarists at the Bundesbank have effectively abandoned their monetary targets and, judging by recent statements, their 2 per cent inflation target, as well.

The fact is that any one objective that purports to encapsulate a country's complex and ever-changing economic requirements will soon be rendered irrelevant. And a government that claims it needs only one policy, because it is aiming for only one economic target will soon be overwhelmed by events. Neither low inflation, nor low unemployment, nor rapidly growing exports, nor a balanced budget is enough on its own. The government must achieve all these things at the same time, or at least a tolerable compromise between them.

When the issue is presented like this, it becomes clear why Chancellors and Treasury mandarins have been so keen to deny the complexity of economic instruments and objectives. Until the late 1970s, the Treasury was constantly being blamed for failing to achieve full employment, mismanaging fiscal policy or presiding over balance of payments crises. Chancellors were even known to resign. But once the monetarist orthodoxy became established, governments were held responsible only for controlling inflation. Life became much easier for Treasury officials and Chancellors alike.

One little historic example illustrates the difference between the burden of responsibility that used to be borne by the Treasury in the 1960s, and the Chancellor's flimsy workload today. In *The Treasury Under the Tories*, his classic account of post-war economic management written in 1964, Samuel Brittan attacked the "influential doctrine" that Treasury officials had foisted on Chancellors during the period that came to be called the 13 years of Tory misrule, largely because of the disappointing performance of the economy. It concerned the age-old conflict between a strong pound and full employment (which was then defined as unemployment of 1.5 per cent or less): "Other things being equal, an unemployment percentage of 1.8 (provided it is not too heavily concentrated in a few depressed areas) may be preferable to an 'overfull' employment level of 1.5 per cent or less, as in the Treasury doctrine ... But if the achievement of this higher unemployment percentage involves long periods of stagnant, or slowly rising production, the game is not, in my view, worth the candle."

Imagine the government being blamed today for tolerating an increase of 0.3 percentage points in unemployment, and you can see how comfortable life for the Treasury has become. In the months and years ahead, however, the mandarins and their ministers will have to start working harder. They will have to achieve rapid growth to reduce public borrowing. They will have to keep the trade deficit down, despite this rapid growth rate. And, of course, they will have to control inflation. Can the Treasury do all these things, as well as meet growing aspirations for more jobs, higher living standards and better public services? In principle, I believe it can, and next week *I shall explain how. But is Mr* Lamont the man to shake the Treasury out of its complacent slumber?

TEMPUS

Untimely calls for BT

BRITISH Telecom was unexpectedly busy yesterday. First, the news that its £1.7 billion pension fund surplus had been virtually wiped out by the demands of its heavy redundancy programme hit the headlines. Then, Barry Romeril, the group finance director, announced his departure only two months before the BT3 share sale. However, BT shareholders should not panic.

Mr Romeril's timing could have been better, but his move to Xerox should not damage BT permanently. Although he was widely respected in the City and closely identified with BT's aggressive cost reduction programme, Michael Hepher, the group managing director, has also shown himself adept at cutting costs.

The impact of the loss of the pension fund surplus, although more than inconvenient, looks containable. The resumption of contributions will reduce cash flow by £200 million or more, but with BT capable of generating more than £500 million of net cash each year that should not of itself affect the company's ability to pay, and increase, dividends. The immediate impact on reported profit, which could be at worst about 7 per cent, depends on how BT chooses to account the cost. The benefits of the contribution holiday were taken straight away, but the cost of pension fund contributions can be spread over an employee's average working life, minimising any steep increase in payments.

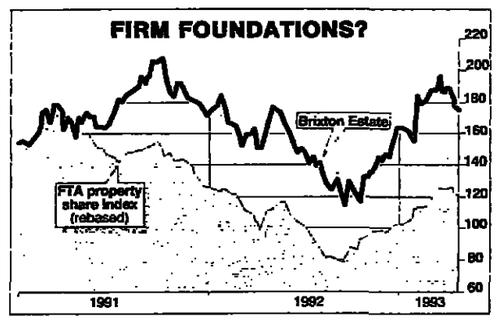
The immediate effects are, therefore, manageable, but this is just one added pressure on BT. It is also likely to increase the impact on profits of financing future redundancy programmes. Continued regulatory pressure on pricing will mean no let-up in the need to reduce costs, and inevitably staff. With BT now forced to fund future shake-outs from cash flow, it may find its hands somewhat tied.

Brixton Estate

INVESTORS who take the trouble to track industrial property indices should not have been surprised by a 9 *per cent fall in the value of* Brixton Estate's investments. Industrials were insulated for a time from negative returns, but the downward spiral of falling rents and capital values has caught up with the factories and sheds. Investment Property Databank's statistics show a 9 per cent fall in industrial rents and an 8 per cent fall in capital values over last year. And according to IPD, the slump is worst in London and the South East, where most of Brixton's properties are located.

Longer term, a heavy bias towards investment in warehouses and sheds ought to pay off as the recovery gets under way, but the question is when and where. Brixton has no exposure to the retail sector, which is likely to show the quickest return to favour, and the conventional wisdom that recovery starts in the South East is now being widely challenged.

*With no short-term pros*pect for net asset growth, Brixton's share price and that of all the property majors is driven by dividends. At 177p, down 8p yesterday, Brixton's shares yield 5.9 per cent, comfortably ahead of a market yield near 4 per cent. That said, Brixton, like most property companies suffers from overrenting — where locked-in rents are higher *than market rents. Increases* in rental income are more likely to come from filling up vacant space than rent reviews, leaving scope for only marginal increases in dividend in the near term.



T. Cowie

SUPERFICIALLY, Cowie's acquisition of motor distributor Keep Trust has the look of a consolation prize following its failed bid for Henlys last year. Such a conclusion would be unfair.

Cowie would be hard pressed to find a company that has a better geographical fit with its existing operations than Keep Trust. This acquisition enables the group to increase its motor dealerships by 70 per cent with little geographic overlap and have access to large urban centres where it has not had a presence to date.

This substantial expansion of its dealership business is critical for Cowie as it desperately needed a larger network to service its lease fleets. And with recovery in the vehicle market just beginning, this is probably the right time in the cycle to buy.

On a prospective p/e ratio of 11 — a substantial discount to the market — shareholders should have no fears about taking up their rights.

Cannon Street

SHAREHOLDERS in Cannon Street Investments must be weary of the sight of red ink splashed across the group's accounts. But even by their company's standards this year's deck-clearing exercise is dramatic.

Nevertheless it is something of an achievement to report a retained loss of £117 million yet only reduce shareholders' funds by £10 million. This reflects the size of the goodwill write-offs, which had already been reserved against, and adjustments for overvaluation of businesses acquired in the past. With luck, the company has got its sums right this time.

Borrowings are significantly down, so management is probably right to say the company is now on a sounder financial footing. Its claim that it can now build a more substantial business from this base is less convincing. Although management wisely got rid of of several unattractive, loss-making subsidiaries, it is still left with an unexciting bunch of businesses, unlikely to produce double-digit margins.

It is not clear what scale of earnings Cannon Street will eventually be able to generate. Given that it has to pay £2.5 million in dividends to its convertible preference *shareholders, other investors* may still have a long wait.

BTP/MTM

The Serious Fraud Office has at last done some good, if only for shareholders of BTP. Prior to the revelation that the SFO was looking at MTM, the troubled chemicals group, BTP was in talks to bid for the whole company.

Yesterday BTP paid £100 million for the assets of MTM that most suited. The rest will be left in a reconstructed shell with £10 million cash, a small agrochemicals business and the same contingent liability (any possibility of action arising from the SFO investigation) that deterred BTP's advisers from asking the City to underwrite a full bid for MTM.

Instead, BTP is raising £72 million in a rights issue. The group beleievs earnings per share will still go up, unlike last year when they fell from 14.8p to 14p per share because of a £28 million cash call in February 1992. That is forgiven, however, and the City is applauding the clever chemistry of the deal that establishes BTP as a medium-sized chemical business and leaves poor MTM shareholders with something. Little *wonder BTP is content to pay* £1 million of MTM's costs.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Youth movement at Cazenove

JOHN Kemp-Welch and Anthony Forbes, the guardians of Cazenove & Co's independence during the post Big-Bang foreign invasion, are to step down in a year after 14 years as joint senior partners of the blueblooded stockbroking firm. Aged 57 and 55 respectively, Kemp-Welch and Forbes opted to let the younger generation take over. Forbes says: "It's all about age profiles and we think it's time we get out of their way." But he denied their decision to retire meant that Cazenove, the Queen's broker, would sell out to a foreign predator. Mark Loveday, 49, who joined Cazenove in 1966 and has worked in corporate finance for 26 years, is their designated successor as senior partner.

Stops going Dutch

AFTER a long and distinguished diplomatic career, Sir Michael Jenkins is to relinquish his present post as British ambassador to The Netherlands to join the 22-member board of Kleinwort Benson as an executive director. Sir Michael, 57, whose career has taken him through Paris, Moscow, Washington and Bonn to Brussels, where he was deputy secretary general to the European Commission, begins his new City career on June 7. Lord Rockley, Kleinwort's chairman, says Sir Michael's "wealth of experience" will help Kleinwort develop its international business.



Sir Michael: joins Kleinwort

Red-faced MIM

INVESCO MIM seems to attract bad luck — even when it tries to help a good cause. It has staked £25,000 of its own money in the annual ICL investment challenge for the cancer unit at St Bartholomew's Hospital. Any profits above the stake at the end of a year go to the charity. Unfortunately, at the halfway point, MIM has lost nearly £10,000 and its portfolio currently stands at £15,430. Barings, meanwhile, has nearly doubled its investment to £92,000. John Shelley, MIM fund manager, says he will keep his portfolio in cash until cheap buying opportunities arise. But it looks rather embarrassing for MIM.

Women on course

PATSY Bloom, Veuve Clicquot's businesswoman of the year, eschewed formal business training for the school of hard knocks. But the managing director of Pet Plan Insurance, *who left school at* 15 with no O levels, believes female entrepreneurs now need management training to succeed. Bloom, one of the judges in a *Cosmopolitan* magazine award scheme offering 20 free places for women on a one-week residential course at London Business School, yesterday urged all aspiring female entrepreneurs to enter the contest by this Friday's deadline. The course runs from September 26 to October 1.

Shepperd chased

YAMAICHI International Europe, the London securities arm of Yamaichi Bank, has landed one of the biggest catches in the gilt-edged market. It has recruited John Shepperd from Warburg Securities, where he was head of sterling fixed-income research. He is appointed chief economist and joins his former Warburg stablemate, Nigel Richardson. With these two names, Yamaichi now has Extel's top gilts research team in 1991 and 1992 on board. The odds on an application by Yamaichi to become a gilts market maker must be shortening by the day.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Preparing staff to handle disasters

From Mr J. A. McK. Holloway

Sir, It comes as no surprise to read (April 27 — City bomb highlights need for disaster recovery planning) of the reluctance of some firms both to prepare and to test emergency plans. After all, businesses are set up for some commercial purpose and it is the achievement of business goals which is most likely to enhance salaries and careers. Having now spent a number of years pushing the case for emergency preparedness, albeit in local authorities, I have come to the following conclusions:

1. Obtaining the active support of the chief executive is vital in saying to staff already struggling to cope with immediate, urgent problems, that a potential problem is worth planning for and allocating scarce resources to.

2. It is vital to appoint a member of staff whose future prospects in the firm are clearly attached to that firm's emergency preparedness, as evidenced by its planning and testing of its plans.

3. Preparing the emergency plan must be a process closely involving all staff likely to have to respond in crisis. They must feel ownership of the plan, itself prepared under the orchestration of the emergency planner.

4. Plans are likely only to guide action at the time as few disasters actually match planning scenarios. They must not, by over-prescription, inhibit imaginative planning at the time. Ideally, a basic contingency plan should be supported by aide-memoires dealing with specific hazards foreseen.

5. Having co-operated in preparing it, staff need to be regularly trained and rehearsed in the plan's implementation. This need not involve a full-scale exercise, but instead, something more limited in scope, aimed at testing particular aspects such as communications, decision making, information processing or media handling, is often more effective and realistic. This sort of activity can be very enjoyable, if in a slightly masochistic way, and can even bring direct benefit to the firm's principal activities, as outward-bound courses can.

In an uncertain world, it behoves every organisation to prepare for the worst. To fail so to do could not only jeopardise its staff but its very survival, thus calling into question the judgment of its leaders.

Yours faithfully,
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Division, London Fire & Civil
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Convenient service

From Mr P. C. A. Wells

Sir, I would agree with all that Mr Evans (Letters, April 26) has written. The convenience of Girobank's free postal service for paying in cheques, and payment of many accounts is attractive. In addition, one can always obtain cash without cost from even the smallest sub Post Office.

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Net Asset Value per share	183p	226p
Value of investment properties	£679m	£724m

- 9.0% increase in net rental income.
- 9.9% increase in profit after tax.
- 9.7% increase in earnings per share.
- 19.0% decrease in net asset value per share.
- Final dividend of 5.35p per Ordinary Share proposed, making a total dividend for the year of 8.35p per share - an increase of 3.09%

The above figures constitute an abridged version of the year's results. The full accounts have not yet been reported on by the Auditors. They will be filed with the Registrar of Companies following the Annual General Meeting to be held on 22nd June 1993.

Brixton Estate

Copies of the Preliminary Announcement may be obtained from the Registered Office of the Company, 22-24 Ely Place, London EC1N 6QT.

West's reliance on Middle East oil to increase sharply

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

■ The rate of new North Sea oil discoveries looks likely to tail off after the changes in tax announced in the Budget, the government has conceded

THE West's dependence on oil supplies from the Middle East and Venezuela will rise sharply in the next 10 to 15 years, according to the International Energy Agency.

As output from member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, including Britain, declines, they will become increasingly reliant upon imports.

"During the 1970s, the OECD's oil imports could once again reach the 70 per cent level experienced during the 1970s," the OECD report said. The proportion of world output coming from the Middle East and Venezuela would rise from less than a third to almost half.

The warning of a global sea change in production coincides with record levels of exploration on the UK continental shelf last year. But although Britain's estimated North Sea oil reserves have risen, the rate of discoveries is expected to tail off after the Budget tax changes.

Tim Eggar, the energy minister, said several companies have held talks with the trade department about giving up exploration licences, awarded in the government's 14th licencing round. Some small exploration companies have said that the number of exploration wells could halve because they will no longer be able to offset drilling costs against tax on wells in production. "We have had discussions with a number of companies," Mr Eggar said. "I think there is a concensus that there is likely to be some fall off in the level of exploration and appraisal drilling."

Ministers have acknowledged that up to 10,000 jobs could be lost as a result of the changes but argue that the tax regime was so favourable that some companies were being subsidised by taxpayers to make uneconomic finds.

Protests from the oil and gas industry have been so vociferous that meetings are also being held between companies and the Treasury to see whether a transitional relief scheme could be introduced to ease the difficulties caused by the new tax regime.

However, Mr Eggar insisted that most of the 160-plus companies that have undertaken to drill wells on blocks allocated in licensing rounds will be required to proceed.

"There is no question of any blanket exemption from obligation wells," the minister said.

Despite the growing hiatus, Britain's proven North Sea oil reserves now amount to 610 million tonnes, or 9.65 years supply at current extraction rates. Proven gas reserves, at 610 billion cubic metres now extend to 11 years.

If proven and probable reserves are combined, indigenous oil deposits are reckoned to amount to 14.5 years' supply at current extraction rates, while gas supplies should be sufficient for the next 24.5 years.

Gas production rates are expected to increase, however, while oil output is likely to slow.

GrandMet swells Tennant pension

By George Sivell, City Editor

GRAND Metropolitan is understood to have contributed substantially to the £500,000-a-year pension awarded to Sir Anthony Tennant, who retired as chairman of Guinness at the end of last year.

The pension, £204,000 of which comes from Guinness company funds, was part of a special package negotiated by Sir Anthony when he joined Guinness in 1987 from GrandMet.

He was persuaded to join by the non-executives who found themselves running the drinks group in the wake of the enquiry by the Department of Trade and Industry into the takeover of Distillers, and the departure of Ernest Saunders from the top job. A group of Guinness non-executives, meeting in May last year, also decided to show their appreciation to Sir Anthony by awarding him a salary for his final year in office of £777,000, a substantial increase on the £625,000 he received in 1991.

At that time, the stock market value of Guinness had risen to a peak of £12.4 million, from £2.7 billion in 1987. Sir Anthony retired last year on reaching Guinness's normal retirement age of 62.

The company's profits fell from £956 million to £920 million before tax in 1992, wiping out a 1991 bonus payment to Sir Anthony of £156,000. Sir Anthony has been retained as a consultant by Guinness for 1993 and 1994 at a fee of £50,000.



In the money: Louis Gerstner will thrive if IBM turns round, but shareholders are unhappy with Big Blue

Fortune awaits success for IBM chief

From Philip Robinson in New York

LOUIS Gerstner, the new chairman and chief executive at IBM, stands to make a personal fortune of up to $45 million if he succeeds in turning the world's largest computer maker around within three years.

The company's shares are close to their lowest for more than a decade, with Wall Street unimpressed with Mr Gerstner's first speech to shareholders, who have seen their shares more than halve in less than a year. Mr Gerstner has been paid a signing-on fee of $5 million, earns an annual salary starting at $2 million with an annual $1.5 million bonus related to performance, has a long-term performance bonus of $500,000, and 500,000 share options granted at $47.75.

Should his plan to rejuvenate IBM revive the shares to their $100 price a year ago, he stands to collect a profit of $26 million.

His appointment to IBM is the second time he has been poached in almost four years. In 1989, Mr Gerstner was recruited from American Express to become chairman, president and chief executive of RJR Nabisco, the food and tobacco giant. He was given a signing-on fee of $15 million, a five-year contract at $2.6 million a year and 4.4 million RJR share options at $5 a share.

RJR, whose Camel and Winston Salem brands are now embroiled in a cigarette price war, has been a disappointment to Wall Street. The shares, at about $5 a share, are half the price at which they were floated on the stock market in 1991.

Mr Gerstner's job at RJR was to cut debt and sell parts of the company. Of IBM, he says he will cut more jobs, but will not break IBM into several smaller companies. Big Blue lost almost $5 billion in 1992 and remained in the red for the first quarter of this year.

US split on trade strategy widens

From Wolfgang Münchau in Washington

THE Clinton administration is facing growing criticism over its approach to trade, as the split among senior officials, who disagree on whether to pursue a liberal or a restrictive trade policy, appears to be widening.

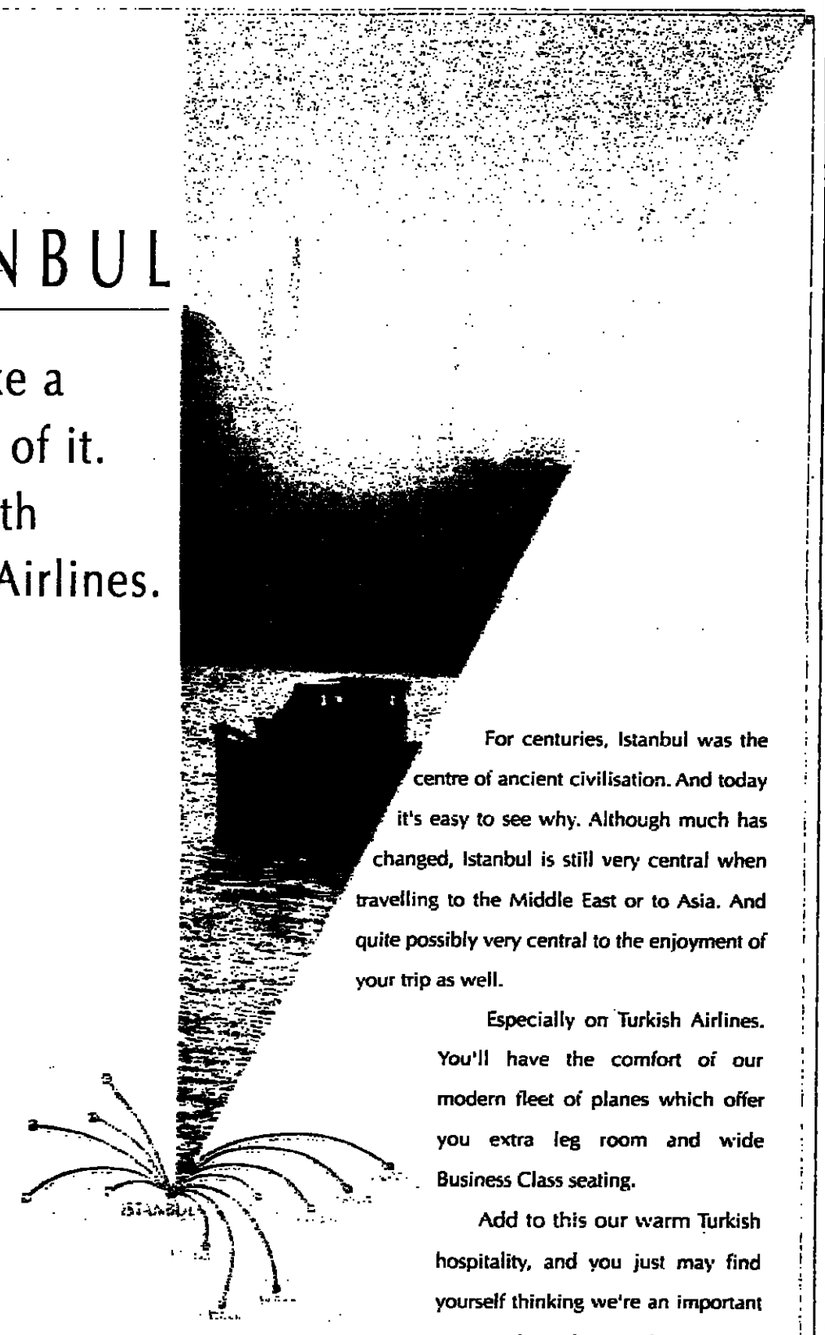
Frustration over the trade policy has already caused concern among America's trading partners, especially Japan, but Americans are now also confused about the growing gap between the president's principled embrace of free trade and the policies pursued by his officials.

It is understood that last week's agreement in the public procurement dispute between the European Community and the US was made possible only by last-minute intervention by Mr Clinton.

The president's involvement in such a small-scale dispute, which affects trade of no more than $50 million, is another indicator that he is not entirely confident about leaving the trade issue to officials.

Mr Clinton has committed himself to free trade in principle, but he is also aware of the intense protectionist elements inside his administration and, more important, inside Congress. The divisions concern issues such as the threatened tariff on mini-vans and the trade in vehicle parts. While none of these is highly political, the divisions could become more embarrassing in relation to the world trade talks and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The Nafta treaty, which established a free-trade area of the US, Canada and Mexico, was signed last year, but its ratification is "in serious trouble", according to congressional sources, despite attempts by the administration to reach a supplementary agreement on issues including US worker protection and the environment. With Nafta and the world trade talks imminent, pressure is now growing for the administration to adopt a coherent trade policy.



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French oil group to raise Fr4 billion

Total, the French oil group, said it will raise Fr4.07 billion in a share issue reserved for Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez, Société Générale and Cogema, while Total will take a stake in Ufiner-Cofreth, to develop co-operation. Minimum subscription price for the 7 per cent issue will be Fr260 on a maximumof 15.7 million shares.

Lyonnaise-Dumez will invest about Fr550 million to acquire its Total stake and Société Générale about Fr1 billion. Total will stay in the nuclear sector despite selling its uranium business to state-owned Cogema for about Fr1 billion, Serge Tchuruk, chairman, said.

Eadie jump

Eadie Holdings, the USM-quoted transport and wire-products group, saw a 69 per cent jump in operating profits to £1.2 million in 1992 against £720,306 in 1991. Pre-tax profits fell to £806,036 (£1.2 million). Earnings per share before exceptional items were 1.42p (0.22p loss). The dividend is restored at 0.5p. The £1.12 million purchase of Vessa Group, BTR's mobility products division was also announced.

Bayer slides

Bayer, the German chemicals group, said its 1993 earnings would not reach the level of the previous year. It posted a 1992 group pre-tax profit of DM2,693 billion. Weak demand and pressure on selling prices were continuing.

Bid opposed

A one-for-eight takeover bid from Australia's Kingstream Resources for Plateau Mining, valuing Plateau at 2.62p a share, is running into opposition. Plateau says 47 per cent of its shareholders will not accept.

Critchley buy

Critchley Group, the electrical cable accessories business, has bought the trade and assets of BT Label Centre for £1.5 million. BT Label, which makes specialist plastic labels for BT and other industrial users, had sales of £3.4 million and pre-tax profits of about £200,000 in the year to end-March.

Takeover makes Cowie UK's fourth-largest car dealer

By Sarah Bagnall

T COWIE has clinched an acquisition that will make it the UK's fourth-largest car dealer. It is only a few months since Cowie lost a battle for control of Henlys, the motor trader and coach maker.

Talks between Sunderland-based Cowie and Keep Trust, Fitzwilton's motor distribution business, began two weeks after the £32 million bid for Henlys collapsed last September. Gordon Hodgson, chief executive, said: "We spent a fortnight licking our wounds and then started again."

Cowie is paying £28.6 million for Keep Trust, £2 million of which is goodwill, and is taking on £10.9 million of short-term borrowings. The City responded favourably to the announcement; the shares were unchanged at 230p, whereas the market was depressed by heavy futures selling.

The acquisition lifts the number of Cowie's motor dealerships by 18 to 42 and expands its range of franchises. Mr Hodgson said the most interesting were two Nissan dealerships and one Toyota dealership. Before the deal, "we had no Nissan franchises and only one Toyota franchise".

The company is financing the acquisition through the issue of 13.9 million new shares, 12.9 million of which are being offered to existing shareholders on the basis of one new share for every nine held, at a price of 212p a share. Any shares not taken up by shareholders will be placed with institutional investors, an offer which has already been oversubscribed.



Hodgson: started again

The deal, which analysts expect to be earnings-neutral for 1993, results in a welcome fall in gearing from the December level of more than 300 per cent. By issuing shares in exchange for assets, which were bought at net asset value, Cowie reduces its gearing to 226 per cent.

Mr Hodgson said it was the company's policy only to issue shares for asset-backed deals. "We are not fond of substantial amounts of goodwill," he said, adding that this would apply to any future deals. There could be some in the pipeline, for Cowie "is an acquisitive company".

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Sales boost helps Borland halve net loss

BORLAND International, the Californian computer software firm, halved its net loss to $49 million ($110 million) for the year to March 31 after a return to profit in the fourth quarter. Borland's net income for the first three months of the year was $5 million compared to a loss of $27 million in the same period in 1992.

The company has been hit by price-cutting in its markets with main rival Microsoft launching competing products to Borland's dBASE and Paradox software packages.

Phillippe Khan, chairman, said sales of products for the Windows marketplace accounted for half the revenue in the fourth quarter. Sales in that period were $117 million, an improvement on third quarter sales of $104 million but only a fraction up on the fourth quarter in 1992.

Gross profit after cost of sales was down sharply during the year from $378 million to $340 million. Administrative overheads fell from $306 million to $288 million, but research and development costs increased to $71 million from $59 million.

Higher Suter stake fuels concern for Wilkes

Feeling that James Wilkes, the Sheffield engineering concern, is living on borrowed time was fuelled when Suter, the car components-to-refrigeration conglomerate, increased its stake to 11.2 per cent from 10.2 per cent (Martin Flanagan writes).

David Abell's conglomerate has previously said only that its shareholding was "for investment purposes". There has also been speculation about the intentions of Stephen Hinchcliffe, former Wilkes chairman, who has 10.2 per cent of the company.

A further 9 per cent is owned by Centenary Corporation, a Swiss group. Wilkes, which last year fought off a £28 million bid from Petrocon, saw its shares firm 2p to 68p. Suter was steady at 142p.

Wilkes plunged £6.4 million into the red in 1992 (£950,000 profit) after exceptional and extraordinary provisions. It is understood the group has pruned central overheads by about £2 million.

In January the trade department cleared Mr Abell of any impropriety in share dealing in companies in the 1980s.

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4	Gibbon Lyons	Paper,Print	
5	Critchley	Electrical	
6	Scot TV	Leisure	
7	Helical Bar	Property	
8	LWT CP	Leisure	
9	Prowting	Building,Rds	
10	ADT	Business Serv	
11	Bibby (J)	Industrial	
12	Fairey Group	Industrial	
13	Honeysuckle	Drapery,Strs	
14	Saatchi	Paper,Print	
15	Harmony	Mining	
16	Wilson (C)	Building,Rds	
17	Swire Pacfc 'A'	Industrial	
18	Spring Ram	Industrial	
19	Barcom	Building,Rds	
20	Sun Alliance	Insurance	
21	Hepworth	Industrial	
22	Goldsmiths Gp	Drapery,Strs	
23	Newman Tnks	Building,Rds	
24	Br Airways	Transport	
25	Hazlewood Fds	Foods	
26	Perkins Food	Foods	
27	Broken Hill	Industrial	
28	Wickes	Drapery,Strs	
29	Stanley Leisure	Leisure	
30	Eve Group	Building,Rds	
31	Watmough	Paper,Print	
32	TI	Industrial	
33	Glynwed	Industrial	
34	Sage Gp	Electrical	
35	INSTEM	Electrical	
36	Reed Executive	Business Serv	
37	Barr & W 'A'	Leisure	
38	Hewitt (J)	Industrial	
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Futures depress shares

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	345	Abbey Ntl	386	-9	11.5	3.7	14.9
255	170	Allied Irish	245			6.1	14.5
176	130	Aus New Z	158			5.7	
380½	279½	Bankamerica	2887½	+93½			
250	188	Bk of Ireland	233			5.1	39.3
325	325	Bk Leumi UK	325		17.0	6.5	
140	116½	Bank Scotland	132	-1	4.3	4.1	20.8
464	362	Barclays	429½	-8½	15.1	4.4	-
3½	2	Benchmark	2½				
52	31	Brown Shipley	35				
19½	15½	Carlisle	16½				
485	395	Cater Allen	483	-2	26.0	6.7	
117	85	Cattles	117	+1		4.5	15.6
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	1950 †	+56½			
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1706½	+81½			
345	250	Close Bros	337	+2		3.6	14.8
£125½	9275	Commerzbk	£117½	-175		3.4	
£304½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£276½	-212½		2.3	
81	45	First Nat Fin	71				
1227	875	Fuji Bank Y	1170			0.4	63.0
453	343	Gerrard Nat	453		21.0	5.8	
654	440	HSBC	602	-10	19.0	3.9	-
634	474	HSBC HK	587	-6	19.0	4.0	-
356	243	Hambros	336	-6	13.8	5.1	14.9
363	313	Joseph (L)	358		15.8	5.5	
127	96	King Shaxson	127		5.0	4.9	
403	312	Kleinwort Ben	401	-1	16.0	5.0	13.9
573	492	Lloyds	552	-12	18.4	4.4	14.9
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	86		3.0	4.4	17.0
432	322	Nat Aust Bk	407	+1		5.0	14.1
485	398	Nat West	463	-10	17.5	4.7	28.1
861	674	Provident	860	-1	28.5	4.1	14.9
47	39	Rea Bros	41		0.5	1.5	43.6
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	256	-5½	8.8	4.3	
1975	1335	Schroders	1853	+3	22.0	1.5	18.5
758	576	Stand Chart	748	-6	30.0	3.3	
195	145½	TSB	185	-2	6.4	4.3	
123	78	Union Disc	123				
674	529	Warburg SG	658	-6	18.0	3.4	19.5
227	185	-do- 6% 'A'	223	-1		3.4	
7950	4843½	Wells Fargo	6775 †	+300		1.5	
163	121	Westpac	153			5.0	
215	188	Wintrust	205		9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	547	Allied-Lyons	576	-11	20.0	4.3	13.4
647	533	Bass	539	-15	18.9	4.4	11.7
261	189	Boddington	261	+2	7.3	3.5	15.2
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	404		9.0	2.8	18.6
159	124	Burtonwd Brw	140		4.4	4.0	10.2
307	261	Devenish (JA)	302	-2	7.8	3.2	17.0
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	92	+1		4.4	24.3
68½	54½	Fosters Brewing	56			4.8	7.8
378	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	378			2.2	15.9
480	411	Grand Met	411	-13	12.3	3.7	13.6
423	388	Greenalls Grp	419		11.7	3.5	13.9
563	505	Greene King	554		11.6	2.6	14.4
516	440	Guinness	468 †	-6		3.2	16.7
281	230	Hardy Hansn	239	-8	7.9	4.1	13.3
113	108	Hewitree	110		3.0	3.5	26.4
95	78	-do- 'A' LV	95		3.0	4.0	22.8
299	255	Highland Distl	288 †	-1	6.0	2.6	19.1
3125	2538	Holt J	3000		41.0	1.7	-
56	33	Hoskins Brew	56				40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	272		7.0	3.2	-
186	157	Macallan-Glen	162 †		0.9	0.7	36.4
465	375	Mardn Marto 'A'	375		8.8	2.9	11.8
740	655	Mansfield	739		13.6	2.3	15.9
256	231	Mrston Thmp	243	-1	4.9	2.5	14.2
435	412	Matthew Clark	422		15.7	4.7	12.7
303	255	Morrdwn W	280			3.0	18.8
490	455	Morland	480		8.4	2.2	19.1
12	6½	Paramount	10	-½		2.1	17.7
950	763	SA Breweries	813			3.0	-
462½	408	Scot & New	456	-10	16.1	4.4	12.4
213	181	Taunton Cider	213	+11		2.8	19.9
242	213	Vaux Group	237		9.3	4.9	10.3
268	225	Wetherspoon JD	268	+6		2.2	21.7
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	467	-5	16.9	4.5	13.1
1180	850	-do- 'B'	875		16.9	2.4	24.6
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	586		11.4	2.5	15.9
515	480	Young 'A'	480		14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115			1.2	41.5
27	13	Albrighton	16	-1			
106	87	Allen	96			6.5	10.8
99	65	Amec	95 †	-2	3.0	3.9	-
9½	4	Anglia Sec	8				
191	155	Ashtead	191	+3	4.1	2.7	23.7
142	108	Atwoods	116	+2	5.0	5.5	16.5
238	180	BPB Ind	226	-3		4.1	57.5
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	88		3.1	4.4	29.6
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	28½		0.5		
101	74	Barcom	90	+4	1.2	1.7	16.3
146	94	Barratt Devs	140	+1	2.0	1.8	15.6
412	305	Bellway	409	-2	11.5	3.5	23.7
32	15	Belfinch	28				
423	295½	Berkeley Gp	421			1.8	29.0
63	45	Bett Bros	58				24
48	36	Blockleys	48 †		1.0	3.6	-
250	189	Blue Circle	243 †		11.2	5.8	-
282	230	Boot (Henry)	280	-1	5.9	2.7	-
106	78	Breedon PLC	89 †		4.6	6.5	-
105	82	Br Dredging	103 †		5.2	6.3	22.9
70	45	Brit Fittings	66		1.5	2.9	
149	99	Bryant	139	-3	4.8	4.3	29.7
75	53	CALA	73		2.3		
263	208	CRH	251			3.7	15.9
43	22	Cakebread Rby	33				
39	23	Costain	35	+1			
136	90	Countryside	131		4.1	3.9	34.6
63	38	Crest Nicholson	59		0.0		
76	28	Cussins	76	+1			
3½	1½	Dunton	1½				
25	16½	Edmond Hldgs	20½	-½	0.5	3.0	
238	178	Epwin	225	+14	6.8	3.9	-
48	32	Erith	47		0.3	0.9	
350	252	Eve Group	350	+5		3.5	12.7
52	34	Evered Bardon	52 †	+1	2.0	4.8	24.4
6½	4½	Explaura	6½				
140	97	Freeman Gp	137			4.7	-
50	38	Galliford	42½			4.3	17.1
78	65	Gibbs & Dandy	68		12.7	2.0	12.7
765	695	Gleeson (MJ)	785		3.2	3.5	
116	90	Hewden-Stuart	111½				49.8
50	28	Hewetson	50		2.6		
280	166	Heywd Wlm	270	-6	12.5	5.8	
85	37	Higgs & Hill	79		2.5	4.0	-
35	27	How Gp	29		1.5	6.6	-
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18		0.5	3.5	-
64	39	Ibstock Johnsen	64	+2	1.0	2.0	-
22	14½	Jarvis	21		0.5		
278	196	Laing (J)	278	+1	9.0	4.0	-
83	55	Ln Clydeside	66		4.5	8.5	24.9
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	23				10.4
305	240	Manders	300	+1	9.0	3.8	18.4
138	90	Marley	136		4.2	3.9	39.0
76	61	Marshalls	75			8.3	25.1
141	122	Maunders (J)	141		4.9	4.4	12.9
188	96	McAlpine (A)	188	+2	6.5	4.3	32.5
35	23	McCarthy & S	32½		0.5	6.1	
369	284	Meyer Intl	368	+6	16.5	5.6	17.9
4	4	Miskin Gp	4				
115	62	Mowlem (J)	119 †	+1	4.0	4.3	
78	62	NSM	62	-1			
53	48	Needler	48			3.7	23.3
152	106	Newman Tnks	149	+4		6.7	19.9
286	197	Persimmon	283	+1	8.8	3.8	28.9
26	22	Phoenix Timber	23				
1625	1462½	Pochin	1462½		29.0	2.5	8.9
115	80	Prowting	115	+2	3.4	3.7	-
6½	4½	Quiggins	4½				
676	557	RMC Gp	642 †	+1	20.0	3.9	-
117	90	Raine Ind	100	-½	6.0	7.5	16.7
36	20	Ransom	21				
490	402	Redland	435 †	-7	29.0	7.2	25.3
75	64	Roskel	68 †		4.1	7.9	10.0
249	207	Rugby Group	232	-5	6.4	3.1	-
42	25	Sarfid-Rye	42				
104	68	Sharpe & Fisher	103 †	+6	4.0	4.9	-
172	130	Sheffield Insl	165	+2	5.4	4.1	26.6
96	82	Sherriff Hldgs	96			2.6	14.3
95	66	Shorrun	75 †			8.7	-
226	205	Smart (J)	206		8.5	5.2	9.3
6½	4½	Stemain	5½		0.3	7.1	6.3
142	103	Tarmac	137	-4	5.5	5.1	
194	137	Tay Homes	187		5.8	3.9	11.9
115	63	Taylor Woodrw	101 †	-3	1.0	1.2	-
533	433	Tilbury Dougls	513		33.0	8.4	-
24	19	Tones Hire	20			2.1	
230	168	Travis Perkins	209	-9	8.0	4.9	-
37	30	Try Group	36 †		1.0	3.5	10.2
38	36	Tudor	38 †			1.1	
68	41	Vibroplant	62	-1	3.6	7.3	11.4
42	30	Ward Hldgs	42	+1			
36	25	Waterhouse	28	-2			
475	360	Watts Blake	436	-3	10.7	3.1	-
14	8	Wescol	14				
152	40	Westbury	132	-3		4.6	
12	4½	West Scaffold	9				
12	5	Wiggins	9				
467	371	Wilson Bowden	459 †	+2	8.7	2.4	31.5
202	147	Wilson (C)	202	+2	3.9	2.5	-
184	107	Wimpey G	172	+6	5.2	3.8	-
42	25	YRM	40		4.0		4.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
625	403	ADT	550	+5			-
228	168	Adam & Harvey	213		11.0	6.5	3.3
92	56	Air London	73	-3		6.1	8.8
50	37	African Lakes	44 †		2.0	5.7	
175	125	Asto Sec	164 †		5.3	4.0	-
108	84	BET Ord	99	+½		8.2	14.5
78	41	BNB Res	76	-1	4.9	8.1	-
318	258	BPP	288		8.0	3.5	15.9
285	250	Barbour Index	250		7.2	3.6	18.6
20	15	Boustead	18		0.7	5.0	-
256	184	Brit Data Mgt	221	-4		2.3	18.4
14	11	Broadcastle	14				11.2
73	54	Brooks Service	68	-5			
104	86	CRT Gp	90		2.4	3.3	10.3
173	139½	Capita Group	168			1.6	8.7
40	31	Carlo Plc	37½		0.5	1.7	14.3
55	40	Chiltern Capital	50				
51	36	Christie	43	-7			
265	226	Chubb Sec	267	-7		1.3	29.5
33	18	Comnca	30				
18½	6½	Corp Services	18	-½			
60	50	Dart	80		1.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	225	-2		4.3	-
104	85	EW Pacts	97		4.3	5.6	12.1
25	11	Gardiner	23½	+2½	0.6	3.5	10.3
44	20	Gardner (DC)	43				
246	225½	Hays	235 †		4.6	2.4	23.1
320	175	Hogg Robinson	182		6.3	4.3	13.7
70	55	Holmes Protectn	55				3.6
162	127	Hutch Whamp	157	+1		3.0	-
1120½	9650	ISS B Dkr	9887½	-1425		1.1	13.0
637	532	Inchcape	597 †	-3		2.9	20.2
863	669	Johnson Clean	828		25.7	3.9	-
12	2½	Lep	8½				
244	173	Mitie Gp	211	-4	2.7	1.6	17.4
1187	893	Manpower	1033				
44½	40½	Michael Page	41 †		1.8	5.5	17.4
279	217	Pennsa	273			0.9	69.2
4½	2	Prime People	2½				
142	85	Proudfoot Alex	104	+1	12.0	15.3	-
423	383	RCO	383	-7	12.8	4.5	13.1
118	113	REA	113		4.0	4.4	
88	43	Reed Executive	88	+3			
156	115	Reliance Sec	115			4.9	11.6
238	197	Rentokil	199	-5	2.3	1.5	24.8
278	240	Rolfe & Nolan	265		6.2	2.9	17.8
399	343	Salvesen (C)	377	+2	7.0	2.3	20.9
35	29	Scott Pickford	30			3.3	8.3
206	164	Securiguard	190	-½	9.4	6.2	10.1
6	5	Select Appt	6				
988	695	Serco Gp	985	-3	14.0	1.8	22.2
352	252	Sherwd Cmp	315			2.8	-
130	92	Sketchley	92		3.0	4.1	11.2
395	310	Warner Howrd	310	-15		2.5	17.5
45	27	Welpac	27	-1	0.6	2.8	
25½	14	Wills Gp	25½	+½		0.5	34.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
348	223	Allied Colloids	228	+1	3.9	2.1	18.1
759	613	Amersham	695	-6	12.5	2.2	25.8
7	3½	Anglo Utd	3½	-½	0.8		
£101½	8325	BASF DM	9375	-9½		7.4	
369	221	BTP	250	+11	9.3	4.7	18.3
£119	£102½	Bayer DM50	£103½	-550		5.6	
173	134	Blagden	170		9.5	7.0	18.3
165	137	Brent Chems	148	-1	7.4	6.3	-
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	449	-1			
29	18	Card Gp	24		1.3	6.9	-
153	127	Canning (W)	129 †	+1	7.2	7.1	14.8
608	537½	Courtaulds	554	-3	13.0	2.9	15.0
281	228	Croda	278 †	-3	7.756	3.5	-
146	121	Doeflex	131	+3	4.6	4.4	10.0
202	175	Ellis & Everard	201	+1	7.0	4.4	18.3
28	19½	Euro Colour	22½		0.6	3.6	
291	259	Halstead (J)	285			2.6	14.3
228	194	Hickson	227 †	+1	8.0	4.4	-
£114½	8850	Hoechst	9325	-275		4.1	
216	195	Holliday Chem	215			2.2	19.6
1288	1048	ICI	1247	+13	55.0	5.5	31.0
688	581	Laporte	638	-4	19.5	3.8	-
223	190	Leigh	190	-2	7.8	5.2	15.5
19½	8	MTM	10½	-1			
1625	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1625	+25		1.8	-
420	320	Patterson Zoch	419		11.4	3.4	18.1
375	360	-do- 'A'	369		11.4	3.9	15.9
296	254	Plysu	268		6.0	2.8	18.1
210	173	Porvair	208		3.6	2.2	22.2
13	7½	Stuchiffe Speak	10				
475	425	Wardle Storeys	442 †	-3	16.0	4.5	17.8
490	395	Wistnhlme R	445 †	-3	17.0	4.8	-
391	368	Yorks Chem	390			2.5	20.9
306	240	Yule Catto	295½		5.9	2.5	-

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	93	-3	3.0	4.0	
87	42	Amber Day	76	-3	3.1	5.2	20.5
319	257	Argos Plc	303	-7		2.9	20.8
104	69	Ashley (Laura)	101	-1	0.1	0.1	-
305	280	Asprey	283			2.1	23.0
243	188	Austin Reed	243		5.0	2.6	-
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	141		5.7	5.1	13.5
121	97	Bentalls	111		1.9	2.2	-
273	208	Betterware	252	-1		0.6	34.7
34	22	Blacks Leis	33	+7	3.3		6.8
227	133	Body Shop	207	-4	1.6	1.0	23.9
16	12	Brown & Jacksn	16	+½		0.6	-
401	318	Brown (N)	358	-1	6.0	2.1	22.2
84	64½	Burton	81½	-2		3.1	
145	126	Cantors	144			2.3	19.1
355	285	Church	355		12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	157 †		4.2	3.4	-
247	212	Coats Viyella	237	-1		3.8	26.0
106	78	Colourvision	87	-1			14.7
485	374	Courts Furnish	485		5.0	1.3	24.3
155	115	Crown Eyes	135			5.6	6.3
106	89	Dairy Farm Intl	99	+1		3.4	-
65	51½	Dewhirst (I)	63 †			1.0	-
281	194½	Dixons Grp	217	+1	6.0	3.5	25.5
390	320	Dunhill	389	+1	7.7	2.5	13.5
21	12½	ERA Gp	13	-1			
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	400		16.0	5.2	-
115	71	Essex Furn	101			3.4	17.1
235	203	Etam	234		6.9	3.8	-
562	499	Fine Art Dev	545	-4	11.0	2.5	20.9
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	38				
500	498	Forminster	498		12.5	3.1	10.4
51	24	French Conn	50				
47	21	Gabbicci	43		2.0		8.6
65	43	Gent SR	49		2.0	5.1	14.4
41	23	Goldsmiths Gp	41	+3	1.8		
2913	2400	GUS	2913		40.0	1.7	23.2
1728	1563	-do- 'A'	1661	-33	40.0	3.0	13.2
40	34	Hampden Grp	35 †			3.6	
277	98	Harstone	100	+3	4.8	5.9	6.3
25½	20	Helene Plc	21 †		2.0	12.0	-
42	29	Heritage	39				
63	35	Honeysuckle	63	+5		2.0	8.9
189	128	Hse of Lerose	188	+2	10.3	6.8	-
90	63	Jacques Vert	90	+12	2.0		
604	496	Kingfisher	540	-10		3.0	16.7
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	69	+½	4.0	7.2	14.2
685	495	Liberty	655		7.2	1.4	-
320	265	Lloyds Chem	313	-5	5.5	2.2	12.3
132	120	MFI	132	-6		3.6	17.6
360	311	Marks Spencer	346	-8	7.1	2.6	21.0
500	445	Menzies (John)	498	+1	10.0	2.5	16.6
175	135	Moss Bros	174		5.5	4.0	-
174	139½	Next	167	-½	2.5	1.9	-
30	15	Oliver (G)	29	-1			
250	197	Oriflame Intl	217	+2		3.9	14.1
63	45	Pentos	55	+3	1.5	3.5	-
313	255	QS Hldgs	287		5.1	2.3	20.2
26	11	Ramers Group	25	+1	3.4	12.0	
35	20½	Rhino Grp	31½				
174	137	Sherwood Gp	171 †		2.6	1.9	-
108	93	Sears	104		3.5	4.3	-
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	436	-3	13.4	3.8	15.4
14½	4½	Specialeyes	9				
219	176	Storehouse	205	-2	5.0	3.0	
191	153	T & S Stores	154 †		5.9	4.8	11.5
133	71	Tie Rack	126		1.0	1.0	-
223	160	Time Products	200		7.5	4.7	19.6
100	63	Usher (Frank)	90			6.9	7.1
45	27	Vival	36		1.0	3.5	11.1
40	35	Wensum	37	-1		6.4	-
117	78	Wickes	116	+5			51.5
60	45	Wid of Leathers	48	-3			
191	146	Wyevale	190	-1		2.6	-
4	2½	Xtra-vision	4				3.9

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	147	ACT Group	162	+4	4.5	3.5	15.9
238	223	Acal	238			3.1	19.9
162½	38	Acorn Comp	94	-6			47.6
480	385	Admiral	444		5.4	1.5	18.8
131	104	Alba	129	-1	4.7	4.6	16.9
43	19½	Alphameric	37				
38½	22	Amstrad	34½	+1	0.4		
128	78	App Holo	83				
17	13	Arden	14				
53½	35½	Astec	52½				
290	250	Beales Hunter	279		9.2	4.1	14.7
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½				
381	319	BICC	355 †	-3	19.2	6.8	24.1
575	455	Blick	483		9.2	2.4	18.8
1650	1150	Borland	1488	+88			
319	274	Bowthorpe	309	+1	6.3	2.6	-
445½	376	BT	406½	-9½	14.4	4.4	15.1
9	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	7½		0.1	1.7	
151	110	Burnfield	140		5.7	5.1	22.1
760	677	Cable Wireless	684	-18	13.2	2.4	21.1
14½	11½	Chloride	12½				
251	229	CML Micro	250			2.4	16.5
98	74	Comptr People	95		0.6	0.9	
151	108½	Cray Elect	144	-2		0.4	11.8
326	283	Crichley	315	+2		2.4	22.3
510	414	Delta	504	+16	14.0	3.5	-
298	205	Denmans Ele	285			2.7	12.1
620	460	Domino	615		7.2	1.7	17.6
65	48	Dowding Mills	55 †		2.5	5.7	18.1
1025	865	Dracka	1025			1.1	25.0
411	358	Electrocomps	394	-2	7.0	2.2	21.3
573	470	El Data Prc	558	+3	5.1	1.1	15.3
86	43	Electron House	82		2.3	3.6	25.0
21½	10½	Emess	21½	-½	0.1	0.6	-
587	442	Eurotherm	575	-7	8.0	1.7	36.2
132	108	FKI	132	+1	2.3	2.2	25.6
391	340	Farnell Elect	386	-1	6.2	2.0	-
51	33	Feedback	51				
18	9½	Ferranti	14½				
177	101	First Tech	177				
221	81	Forward Gp	221 †			1.9	-
21	17	Forward Tech	17				
328½	264	GEC	314½	-½	9.6	3.8	16.6
182	132	Graseby	178		10.9	7.7	-
39	30	Hilclare	39			1.6	12.7
124	83	INSTEM	124	+4		3.2	8.8
388	330	Jones Stroud	388		8.0	2.6	16.9
10	8	Kenabrey	10		0.3	4.7	3.8
321	260	Kenwood App	309	-1			16.4
181	47	Kewill Syst	161				8.2
310	101	Kode	180		5.5	3.8	31.3
46	16	Laser-Scan	45	+2			
365	122	LBMS	275	+19			
300	240	Lec Refrig	268 †		9.0	4.2	
179	142	Life Sciences	143	-1	3.5	3.1	15.5
226	104	Logica	226		3.0	2.0	26.7
54	44	LPA Inds	46			9.6	13.0
212	183	MR Data Mngmt	185		4.3	2.9	17.7
621	521	Macro 4	672			2.4	22.6
630	527	Meavier-Sw	605	-5		1.9	19.8
3013	2413	Micro Focus	2048	+23			18.9
227	188	Microgen	199		7.2	4.6	13.5
34½	24	Microvitec	27½				
514	387	Misys	478		6.1	1.6	21.8
151	98	Motel	142	+1			
136	109	MMT Comp	109	-1		4.0	13.8
27	19	Molynx	19			6.6	1.8
272	202	MTL Instr	215			2.1	16.2
165	134	Multitone Elect	134	-1	3.0	2.8	16.4
149	116	Murray Enter	147		1.8	1.6	68.3
6412½	5375	NYNEX	5462½	+87½			
188	140	Neotronics	158		2.6	2.1	20.4
63	42	Newmark (L)	63 †				
100	58	Northalin	94			1.3	14.1
42	20	Northamber	38		0.5	1.6	
15½	9	Oceonics	11½				7.5
248	195	Oxford Inst	247	-1	4.3	2.2	16.6
72	48	P-E Internl	62		1.0	2.0	
75	20	P & P	71		1.4	2.5	37.7
80	55	Peek	75		3.4	5.8	19.0
190	115	Pegasus	170			4.7	43.1
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000			6.4	
1050	725	-do- Lnsp nv	875	+25			
452	343	Pilco	447		7.3	2.2	37.9
432	328	-do- 'A' Voting	427		7.7	2.3	36.2
96	75	Plasmec	75			6.4	-
104	76	Presac	88		2.4	3.4	17.3
125	103	Pulone	117 †	-2		2.7	31.1
11	6½	Prarndgan	10	+1			
224	160	Racal Elect	206	-7	1.5	0.9	24.3
60	45	Radamec	58		1.0	3.3	-
70	43	Radius	59	+1		5.7	20.4
92	61	Real Time	64			5.9	5.8
39	18	Riva	34				
629	488	Sage Gp	608	+5	9.0	1.9	19.4
66	49	Scantronic	65		2.9	5.7	20.5
142	117	Scholes Grp	118		5.0	5.2	23.2
330	220	Sema Gp	298		2.8	1.2	24.0
39	26	Silvermines	35			8.3	
45	37	Soundtracks	44			6.2	14.8
2437½	1737½	TDK	2250	+9½		1.3	22.5
27	4½	TDS Circuits	19	-1			
153	80	Telemetrix	139	-2	0.6	0.5	48.5
890	809	THORN EMI	840	-13	30.1	4.4	21.9
111	96	Thorpe FW	105		2.5	3.0	10.8
103	75	Total Systems	82½		2.2	3.4	14.7
429	372	Tunstall	409		6.0	1.8	18.3
256	164	Unitech	248	-3	5.8	2.9	43.4
11½	6	Verity	9				
33½	24	Vistec	30			1.3	25.6
434	368½	Vodafone	372			1.9	18.3
441	374	Volex	412	+1		5.2	20.9
22	11	Western Selectn	20				
253	223	Wholesale Fitgs	253		11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487	389	East Midlands	457	-2	17.1	4.7	8.6
496	399	Eastern Elect	467	-8	16.7	4.5	11.6
356	304	Hydro-Elect	332	-2	10.1	3.8	11.8
500½	404	London Elect	467	-8	16.8	4.5	9.0
549	458	Manweb	533	-6	18.2	4.3	7.7
514	424½	Midlands Elec	490	-6	17.2	4.4	10.3
549	440	Northern Elec	509	-6	18.5	4.6	7.6
544	439	Norweb	508	-5	17.7	4.4	9.6
337	285	Scottish Power	312	-1	10.1	4.1	11.6
529	436	Seeboard	495	-9	17.2	4.4	8.9
571	469	Sth Wales	548	+2	19.4	4.4	8.7
532	426	Sth Western	502	-1	17.4	4.3	9.0
496	406	Southern Elec	467	-7	16.6	4.5	9.2
552	455	Yorkshire Elec	516	-10	17.7	4.3	9.6
354½	273	National Powr	327	-6	9.1	3.5	10.8
333	273	PowerGen	335	-9		3.9	10.4

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	53	Aitken Hume	54		0.5		34.5
75	47	BWD	75			5.2	11.7
90	26	Baltic Plc	84		1.0	1.5	-
453	428	Caledonia	432		14.4	4.2	16.6
1500	1075	Camellia	1400		27.0	2.4	11.8
258	243	Candover	248		10.2	5.2	17.6
91	71	Flextech	90				8.9
305	155	Govett	274	-5		5.5	8.6
146	125	Ivory Sime	145			5.4	15.2
6½	3½	LIT	5½	-½			
12	11	Lightship	12 #				0.6
203	154	Lon Forfaitng	201		8.4	5.4	14.2
57	47	Manakin	57	+2			
11	3½	Nat Home Loan	10½				
48	40	Newmarket	48	+1			
272	246	Rathbone Bro	270		6.0	2.8	16.4
22	17	Rutland Tst	19½		0.8	5.1	-
330	270	S & U	270	-7	10.0	4.8	-
67	48	Singer & Fried	61 †		2.6	5.3	-
938	788	Sotheby's	825			4.6	
106	83	SJP Capital	105		3.0	3.6	19.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1950	1487½	Amer Express	1793½ #	+6½			
234	183	Electra	214½	-½	6.7	3.9	29.3
874	835	Henderson Ad	915	-5	41.0	5.6	20.2
121	92	Invesco MIM	119 †	-2	3.0	3.2	-
218	164	Jardine Strat	191			3.8	9.4
194	154	MAI	186	+1	6.0	4.0	13.5
469	389	MAM	455	-3	11.5	3.2	18.2
795	633	M & G	791		20.0	3.2	21.0
225	115	Smith New Ct	215	-1	4.5	2.6	8.6
97	97	Sterling Tst	97 #				8.5
78	55	Trio Hldgs	74			5.1	

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	461	AB Food	486	-1	14.0	3.7	10.9
77½	53	ASDA Group	69½	-3		2.9	22.4
225	170	Acatos & Hutch	205		0.5	4.0	11.8
76	55	Albert Fisher	64	-2	3.7	7.5	10.3
407	320	Argyll	326	-12	9.7	3.7	12.8
25	12	Ashley Group	15½		0.7	6.0	
147	127	Assoc Fisheries	137 †		8.0	7.3	-
210	160	Banks (S C)	210		8.2	4.9	10.5
402	310	Barr (AG)	385		6.5	2.1	19.4
85	37	Benson Crisps	65 †			5.5	14.6
136	112½	Berisford Intl	128 #				
455	363	Booker	378 †	-4		7.2	13.4
50	35	Borthwick	47		1.1	2.9	32.8
488	430	Brake Bros	483			1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	50				17.0
511	444	Cadbury-Schw	466	-8			17.3
89	78	Carrs Milling	84		3.9	5.8	16.8
201	178	Cranswick	193	-2		4.9	14.3
20	8½	Cullens	15½		0.5	4.0	8.3
384	168	Dalepak	215	-1	6.0	3.5	9.7
491	433	Dalgety	490 †	+1	19.5	5.4	13.1
50	27	Daniels S	47 †		0.2	0.7	
134	122	Everest	133			3.3	18.4
295	269	Farepak	292			2.1	20.7
10	3	Farringford	8½				
92	76	Finlay (James)	82		4.1	6.3	15.4
125	78	Fyffes	110			1.4	18.3
483	370	Geest	435		8.1	2.4	-
12	7	Global	10½	-½		6.0	16.3
45	43	Grand Central	43		1.1	3.3	
195	147	Hazlewood Fds	194	+3	6.1	3.9	11.8
171	131	Hillsdown	156 †	+3		7.1	12.3
44	27	Hunter Saphir	43		2.5		
750	616	Iceland Frozen	697 †	-3	10.0	1.8	20.8
131	111	JLI Group	112		4.5	5.0	16.1
853	731	Kwik Save	776	-11	16.0	2.6	16.2
262	205	Low (Wm)	206		8.4	5.2	9.8
58	41	Matthews (B)	50		2.2	5.6	32.7
16	12½	Merchant Retail	14		1.1	10.0	33.5
174	151	Morrison (W)	154	-2		0.6	20.0
538	443	Nichols (JN)	508		13.6	3.3	14.7
280	250	Nthn Foods	255	-4		3.9	14.0
22	14	Nthumbrn Fin	16				6.7
229	172	Nurdin Peack	207		6.1	3.8	-
241	205	Park Foods	213	+4	3.2	1.9	25.5
115	83	Perkins Food	106	+2	4.4	5.2	-
96½	47	PizzaExpress	74	+1		0.8	42.5
3½	1½	Regina Hlth	3½				
584	452	Sainsbury J	456	-10	8.7	2.4	17.0
68	33	Sentry Farms	56	-2		2.2	13.1
225	170	Sims Food	173	+2	11.2	8.1	9.3
439	391	Tate & Lyle	396	-5	12.0	3.8	14.5
273	217½	Tesco	222 †	-6	7.1	4.0	-
211	167	Thorntons	172	+1	3.6	2.7	16.0
183	101	Treats	176	-4		2.6	20.1
375	300	Unigate	356	-4	15.3	5.4	12.7
431	340½	Utd Biscuits	411	-7		4.7	21.2
25	21½	Usborne	23		0.4	2.2	14.0
337	248	Watson & Phil	303		13.3	5.5	15.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	16	Abrdn Stk Hse	16				
89	77	City Centre Rest	82 †	-2	1.5	2.4	-
209	170	Forte	192 †	-2½	7.5	4.9	-
199	155	Friendly Hotels	177	+1	5.7	4.1	-
9	6½	Harmony Leis	8				
110	87	Jarvis Hotel	102½	-1½		6.0	12.1
215	163	Ladbroke	166	-6		8.4	21.9
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	65	+1		4.8	-
59	44	Queens Moat	47½ #		2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #		7.5	11.0	
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½				
55	28	Resort Hotels	42		3.4	10.3	8.3
21	11½	Ryan Hotels IL	18			7.6	10.8
795	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	750 †		7.0	1.2	
54	34½	Stakis	48			1.2	

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	198 †			5.6	12.1
616	487	AAH	491		16.3	4.2	15.6
172	140	AIM	142		6.5	5.7	8.8
182	100	APV	109½	+½	5.4	6.2	-
182	81	ASW	179	+2	6.0	4.2	
156	124	Adwest	152 †		7.0	5.8	21.6
16½	10	Aerospace Eng	14½		1.0		8.8
468	434	Airsprung	455	+9	7.5	2.1	12.6
133	113	Alexdra W	130		3.8	3.7	-
13½	7	Allied Radio	7				
539	415	Alumasc	528		11.0	2.6	16.2
35	17	Alvis	34		1.0	3.7	7.0
420	345	Amber Ind	365		17.0	5.8	9.8
38	18	Amberley Gp	30	+2		4.2	
145	135	Andrews Sykes	141		4.4	3.9	
893	703	Antofagasta	863			2.4	-
50½	37	Armour	45	-½	1.4	4.1	13.3
170	143	Ash & Lacy	159		6.4	5.0	16.3
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	2½	-½	0.0	2.3	
555	445	Avon Rubber	527		16.5	3.9	20.5
235	168	Avon Nurse	215				8.2
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	671 †	-2		4.2	-
48	35	Ayrshire Metal	41				
172	147	BBA	158	-1		5.9	-
51	28	BLP Group	51				
77	13	BM Gp	72 †		5.0		0.9
770	691	BOC	694	-6	23.2	4.2	15.3
79½	62	BSG	65 †	+2		6.2	-
450	353	BSS Group	450	+5		4.8	18.0
621	539	BTR	600	-9		3.8	19.7
221	188	BWI	193 †		6.7	4.3	18.6
41½	31	Babcock	37½	+1½	2.1		7.8
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6½				
289	241	Baird (Wm)	240		8.9	4.5	-
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	993½			5.8	3.3
7	7	Barrett (H)	7 †		2.0		10.2
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	57		1.4	3.1	-
15	5	Beauford	6½		1.8		
8½		Beckenham	8	+½			
34	15	Bedford (W)	30				
27½	19½	Benson Group	20½		0.1	0.6	18.9
707	541	Bespak	561		9.0	2.1	17.0
135	110	Bibby (J)	117	+3	9.7	11.1	6.5
300	129	Billam (J)	270	-9	5.0	2.3	-
33½	21½	Bilston Batrsea	30		0.6		
11½	7½	Binner Ind	8				
158	126	Birkby	145			0.9	
43	12	Black Arrow	40		2.1	6.6	9.6
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½				
187	136	Black (Peter)	167		2.9	2.2	17.2
196	121	Bluebird Toys	182			3.1	11.4
587	494	Bodycote	580		10.0	2.2	-
561	454	Boots	462	-7		3.6	17.5
61	45	Booth Inds	48		3.2	8.5	5.0
517	435	Bowater	494	-5	11.5	2.9	19.5
1682	1335	Bowater Inc	1391 †	-11			
248	199	Braemore Inds	239 †			1.9	17.9
19	12½	Brasway	19	+1	0.5	3.8	24.5
264	204	Brammer	254 †		13.0	6.4	-
16½	12	Bridgend Gp	15	-½	1.2		6.8
100	64	Bridon	90	+1	4.0	5.7	-
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	69 †		4.1	7.4	12.9
40	31	Brierley Inv	34	+1		9.3	8.4
308	273	Br Bldg & Eng	273			1.1	
54	42	Br Bloodstock	50				
495	417	Br Polythene	495 †			2.5	17.7
97	54	Br Steel	91	-½		1.4	
130	100	Br Syphon	130		3.0	3.2	23.6
16½	11½	Br Thornton	13½			2.3	
248	216	Br Vita	228	+1	7.1	3.9	14.0
13	6½	Britton Grp	11		0.0	0.3	
730	555	Broken Hill	674	+5		2.7	31.6
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	102		4.0	4.9	14.1
10½	1½	Brooke Tool	7½				
70	51	Brown & Tawse	68	-2	4.7		
118	91	Bullough	108	-1	6.0	7.0	18.5
26	16	Business Tech	19				22.9
28	17	CI Group	28		2.0	9.2	11.5
25	15	Campbell & Arm	24		2.0		
14½	6½	Cannon St	14	+2½	3.3		
240	205	Cape	234		10.5	5.6	14.9
220	178	Cardo Eng	220			3.9	18.5
2868	2138	Carnaud Ml	2350			2.8	-
78	68	Cassidy Bros	70			4.3	7.8
167	158	Castings	166		4.0	3.1	11.8
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	140		6.0	5.4	8.4
707	609	Charter Cons	634		21.5	4.2	15.2
270	220	Chemring	258			4.0	15.5
92	69	Cinefilm Grp	71		5.1	9.0	15.2
30	17	Chillington	23		0.5	2.7	
188	144	Chrisues Int	179		1.5	1.0	-
61	34	Claybithe	56		2.5	5.6	
90	80	Clayton Son	83		3.0	4.5	
7	7	Co Designers	7 #		0.2		
400	350	Cohen (A)	350		10.0		
223	179	Community H	180		6.5	4.5	11.2
246	186½	Concentric	223			3.1	17.9
176	120	Cook (Wm)	162	-1	10.0		11.2
208	182	Crokson	204	-1		3.7	-
45	38	Copymore	45			7.5	8.8
238	173	Crwll Plr 'A'	174		5.7	4.1	14.9
178	147	Cosalt	158		10.7	8.5	24.0
224	160	Creighton Nis	180	+10		4.9	13.0
43	27	CrestaCare	42		0.5	1.5	-
3456½	2993½	Dana	3050 †	+3½			
685	314	Danka Bs Sys	587	+12	3.7	0.8	18.1
16	5	Davies (DY)	16				
711	642	De La Rue	695	-11	15.0	2.7	21.5
25	16	Dinkie Heel	21 †				
481	391	Diploma	452	-5	9.7	2.7	23.8
65	50	Dobson Park	60	+1	5.7	12.0	10.8
98	92	Dyson (J&J)	97		5.0	6.4	13.9
65	57	-do- 'A'	64		5.0	9.8	9.2
18	9	EFG	16				
421	370	EIS	370 †			3.9	-
15½	9½	EIT Gp	9½ #				
28	19	Elbief	28				
43	30	Eleco	30		3.3		11.8
2360	1925	Electrolux 'B'	2037½	-37½		2.7	-
66	45	Elliott (B)	59				
484	424	Eng China Cl	439	-1	20.0	5.7	-
2475	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2312½	-34½		1.3	-
76	27	Erskine Hse	38			7.5	4.0
44	32	Eurocopy	43	+1	1.6	4.7	16.7
73	47	Expamet	66	-1	3.2	6.2	-
635	499	Fairey Group	618 †	+4	10.2	2.1	-
95	53	Fenner	84	+1	4.2	6.3	15.8
68	33	Ferraris Group	67	-1		1.9	15.3
1½	¼	Ferromet	1				
29	23	Ferrum	23		2.5	14.5	15.1
35	28	Fife Indmar	28		0.5	2.2	
251	157	Fisons	162 †	-3		6.7	17.4
53	29	Fitzwilton	48	-2		11.0	
255	215	Flogas	240			4.2	9.9
43	40	Folkes Group nv	40		2.3	7.4	8.1
74	56	French (Thomas)	66		3.6	6.9	33.1
210	166½	Frost Group	190 †		4.0	2.7	
85	71	GEI Intl	83		7.3	11.0	17.1
489	441	GKN	475	+1		5.4	21.2
57	42	GR Hldgs	46 †			5.4	
87	79	Garton Eng	79		4.0	6.6	
160	109	Genemer	114	+5	8.2	9.0	5.0
36	23	Gieves	24	-3			17.4
801	545	Glaxo	587	-7	17.0	3.6	16.2
26	16	Glenchewton	23½	-½			
311	245	Glynwed	310	+5	11.6	4.8	-
93	66	Goode Durrant	86	+1	5.4	7.8	18.2
134	102	Grampian Hd	131	-3	5.5	5.2	22.7
406	341	Granada	396	-5	7.7	2.4	21.1
359	301	Great Ultrm	359 †			3.8	14.8
92	78	Green (Ernst)	92	+2		9.5	12.7
12	8½	Greenacre	11			3.2	-
17	8	Guardian Grp	12				
43	30½	Haden MacLn	42½	-½	2.0	6.0	-
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	48	-4			
213	115	Hall Eng	213	+1	8.6	5.1	17.8
258	215	Halma	235	-2	2.2	1.2	28.1
49	30	Hampson Ind	36	+1	2.3		9.7
265½	228	Hanson	233½	-3		6.1	11.9
221	187	Harris (Philip)	210	-1		4.1	14.9
186	147	Harrison Crsfld	176 †	-4	9.0	6.4	25.4
60	38	Havelock Euro	56				
51	20	Hay (Norman)	31				
25	17	Headway	23		0.7	3.8	12.1
366	301	Hepworth	359	+4	14.8	5.2	15.5
225	160	Hewitt (J)	216	+3	3.0	1.7	17.0
38	15	High-Point	36		1.3		
127	112½	Hill & Smith	125			5.6	17.4
10	7	Hobson	7	-½			
108	87	Holders Tech	100			7.5	-
44	30	Hopkinsons	44	+4	3.7		12.8
167	138	Hornby	151			2.5	14.3
13½	6	Hospital Crp	8½	+1½		11.8	2.3
68	54½	Howden	68			4.0	10.5
231½	173	Hunting	202 †	-5		6.2	-
1160	808	Huntigh Tech	1048			1.2	-
295	247	IMI	288	-5	10.0	4.3	-
108	90	ISA Intl	98 †		1.5	1.9	15.2
205	179	Intercare Grp	187			1.7	19.8
255	235	Isotron	249	+1	3.9	2.0	16.0
493	360	Jardine Math	438	+9		2.7	-
537	438	Johnson Math	458	+3	9.6	2.6	19.0
64	52	Johnson & FB	52		3.0	7.2	16.0
136	104	Johnston	120	+3	3.2	3.4	-
32	19	Jones Shipman	24				
31	18	Jourdan (T)	31	+2	0.7	3.1	
54	26	Kalamazoo	50	+1			41.2
169½	73	Kalon	169½	+½	3.2	2.4	-
297	253	Kelsey Ind	278		13.0	5.8	
545	465	Kershaw (A)	510		27.0	6.6	26.5
118	75	Kleeneze	105	+2			
118	61	LGW	118		3.0	3.2	9.8
303	266	Laird	291	+2	10.5	4.5	-
136	105	Lee (Arthur)	133		5.9	5.5	56.5
136	110	Lilleshall	123	-1	4.2	4.3	15.2
153	97	Lincat	149	-1		4.3	12.9
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	18½	+1			15.2
128	76	Linread	105 †	-2	3.7	4.5	10.2
208	170	Linton Park	200		14.0	9.3	-
14½	10½	Lionheart	12		0.2	2.1	
19½	15	Locker (T) A	17½		1.0	7.1	55.1
274	191	Lon Intl	201		9.4	5.9	13.7
93	70	Lonrho	88	-½		5.7	
342	269	Low & Bonar	334			3.4	-
343	283	MB-Caradon	290 †	-1	8.6	3.7	-
169½	140½	-do- pf	156½	+½	7.2	5.8	
25	14½	MI Hldgs	21		1.8		20.3
35	27	MS Intl	32		2.5	9.2	47.5
50	39	MY Holdings	41 †			3.0	12.5
283	236	Macfarlane	257 †		4.7	2.3	25.5
430	370	McKechnie	430	-3	14.7	4.4	20.6
106	88	McLeod Russel	103	-1	6.0	7.3	12.6
10½	6½	Maddox	6½	-½			
74	66	Magnolia	64 †		0.1	0.2	-
106	71	Mang Bronze	96		1.0	1.3	
27	22	Marling	23½		0.3		
179	124	Mayborn	173 †			3.6	14.4
54	29	Mayflower	54 †	+2		2.9	-
236	191½	Medeva	209	-2		1.3	17.0
105½	88	Meggitt	103½ #		3.7	4.7	-
130	111	Metsir	114	+1	4.0	4.4	16.8
76	70	Metsec	71				
77	29	Midsmes	75	+1		1.3	-
21½	14	Mining & Aid	21	-½	0.5	3.0	
488	368	Molins	456		14.0	3.8	-
345	262	Morgan Cble	292 †	-2	12.6	5.4	-
145	134	Morris Ashby	135			4.4	11.7
31	18	Neepsend	26		1.5		
60	34	Nestor-BNA	51 †		3.1	7.4	12.7
164	122	Nobo Gp	164		3.5	2.7	20.0
173	127½	Nocros	171	+1	7.0	5.1	29.3
42	35	Novo Group	39			1.0	
329	310	Nu-Swift	311			8.0	8.6
53	36	Office Elec Mac	47	-1	0.1	0.3	
39½	21	OMI Intl	24½		1.7	8.9	
140	133	PCT	133			6.6	12.1
48	44	Pacer Systems	44 †			8.3	
138	114	Pentland	115			2.7	
380	310	Photo-Me	354	-1	4.4	1.6	18.0
132	97½	Pilkington	132	-3	6.0	5.7	48.0
32	19	Plaxon	29				
79	68	Plantsbrook	71		3.0	5.4	10.9
150	126	Polypipe	148		1.9	1.7	21.4
517	485	Portals	488	-1	14.5	3.8	-
32	19	Porter Chadbrn	26		2.5	13.6	5.7
7½	9½	Porth Gp	8½				
376	306	Powerscreen	343	-4	6.0	2.2	19.4
20	16½	Prospect Inds	16½		0.7	5.7	8.3
54	33½	RPS Group	53			5.2	11.7
95	73	Radiant Metal	85				
148	77	Ramco Oil	112			2.2	79.6
744	606	Rank Org	713	-5	31.0	5.4	19.5
33	23	Ransomes	29				
657	563	Reckitt Colm	587	-2		3.6	22.8
77	50	Record	76		3.6	6.1	36.2
4	2½	Reece	3½				12.2
169	131	Relyon	160	+1	4.9	3.8	
303	275	Renishaw	289	+2	6.5	2.8	22.1
61½	55	Renold	60	-1	1.0	2.1	
1438	1250	Reuters	1256	-10	21.5	2.1	20.8
30	24½	Rexmore	28			7.8	6.9
120	91	Ricardo Group	117	+2	5.7	6.1	32.9
61	58	Richard (Leeds)	60		4.4	9.2	8.0
78	63	Richardson West	75	+2	3.0	5.0	
128	106	Ropner	126	-2	8.2	8.5	17.2
122	97	-do- 'A'	117	-2	8.2	8.7	15.9
38	29	Ross Gp	34 †	-2	0.6	2.4	13.9
446	395	Rotork	435 †		11.1	3.2	
135	100	Rubicon	130			1.4	
66	43	Russell (A)	50		1.0	2.5	
35	15	SEP Inds	25		0.6	3.3	-
900	625	SKF 'B'	687½	+12½			
312	222	Sanderson Elec	301	-3	9.0	3.7	12.8
79	39	Savage	77			0.4	
45	30	Saville Gordn (J)	40		2.2	6.9	15.8
248	214	Scapa	220	-1	5.3	3.0	17.9
236	192	Senoil	205 †		6.3	3.8	-
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5				
990	920	Securicor	930	-3	3.6	0.4	35.0
668	568	-do- 'A'	568		2.6	0.6	31.5
565	468	Security Serv	468		5.0	1.3	23.2
99	77	Senior Eng	95	-2½	3.1	4.1	-
361	306	Seton Health	337			1.9	21.0
68	42	Sheldon Jones	66				
103	88	Shiloh	103	+9	2.9	3.6	
361	295	Sidlaw	296	-3	10.2	4.2	13.8
501	427	Siebe	469	-2		2.4	19.2
305	220	Silentnight	270		8.0	3.4	16.1
121	102	Sime Darby	109			3.5	17.4
142	92	Simon Eng	109	-4	5.0	5.7	24.9
259	235	Sinclair (Wm)	246	-5	7.0	3.5	15.9
47	42	Six Hundred	45		2.5	6.9	
164	143½	Smith & Neph	149½	-1		3.6	19.5
513	389	Smithkline	408	-7	8.6	2.5	26.8
450	340	Smithkline U's	410	-3		3.3	24.7
394	320	Smiths Ind	356	-3	11.2	4.0	14.4
140	79	Snbn Bus	82	-2	3.3	5.2	7.8
379	256	Spandex	379				
495	300	Spear (JW)	470	-5	14.0	3.8	8.6
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	343 †		9.7	3.6	
145	55	Spring Ram	80 †	-4	0.3	0.5	-
250	230	Staveley	230		8.2	4.5	13.1
147	126	Sterling Ind	140		5.6	5.0	17.5
20	11	Stonehill	19				
154	97	Suter	140	-2	8.6	7.9	-
319	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	319	+5		2.8	-
7	5	Sycamore	6 †				
79	56	Sykes-Pick	57			9.0	13.6
265	240	Sybron	265		9.4	4.5	12.2
198	164	T & N	178 †	-4	10.8	7.6	-
332	279	TI	306	+6		4.4	18.9
18	12	TLS Range	13				
275	218	TT Group	270		6.3	2.6	-
249	220	Takare	234		1.8	1.0	-
815	618	Takeda Chem	719	-7		0.6	20.7
31	24	Tex Hldgs	30	-1			
79	70	Tinsley (E)	79			9.3	8.2
215	190	Titan	215	+3		2.1	18.7
271	239	Tomkins	244			3.3	17.1
94½	67	Trafalgar H	87	-1½		4.6	6.4
95½	65½	-do- 'A'	86½	-1			
579	346	Transfer Tech	502	-3	16.0	4.1	12.4
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	182		7.0	4.6	16.7
253	221	UniChem	234 †	+1	5.6	3.0	-
305	275½	Unidare	305 †			7.0	9.1
35	11½	Unigroup	31	-1½			
1249	1050	Unilever	1083	-11	21.3	2.5	14.7
81½	66¾	Unilever (NV)	72½			3.0	10.6
688	513	VSEL	685		25.0	4.6	7.9
9½	6½	Verson	8½	+1			
141	95½	Vickers	133	-3		1.4	
367	303	Vieraultic	325	-1	7.8	3.0	-
364	283	Vinten	352	-1	7.0	2.5	-
531	427	Vosper Thorny	531	+1	13.1	3.1	12.8
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43		2.9	8.4	-
468	410	Wagon Ind	419			5.1	16.2
83	71	Walker Greenbk	83		3.1	4.8	
243	201	Wassall	240	+1	2.5	1.3	24.2
35	22	Watford Wdgwd	32				
675	582	Weir	631	-2	11.8	2.3	-
993	658	Wellcome	735	-12	13.0	2.2	20.3
23½	22½	Wellman	23		2.2		8.6
495	460	Whatman	490 †		9.5	2.4	-
353	267	Whessoe	347			2.9	13.5
10½	4	Whitway	10			12.5	
50	27	Whitecroft	44	+½	4.0		4.1
8½	4½	Widney	8				
76	44	Wilkes (James)	68	+2	3.5	6.5	19.8
365	313	Williams Hldg	334 †	-5	12.5	4.7	17.5
35	17	Wilshaw	29	+1	0.4	1.7	24.0
620	533	Wolseley	601	+7	12.5	2.6	30.8
190	125	Wood (Arthur)	125		1.5	1.5	45.5
45	35	Wyko	43	+1	2.8		34.6
58	38	Young (H)	53		3.0	7.1	19.4

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1581½	+18½		4.0	
2275	1793½	Am Gen	1937½	+75		3.6	
45	30	Archer (AJ)	32		4.4	17.2	15.6
148	122	Bradstock	126		5.1	5.1	15.5
1475	1078	Britannic	1440 †		33.5	2.9	
641	561	Coml Union	584	-9		5.2	
1450	1225	Dom & Gen	1145			1.6	23.9
22	18	FAI	20				
619½	551	Gen Accident	563 †	-2	26.7	5.9	
195	160	GRE	185	+1	7.0	4.7	15.4
370	293	Heath C E	311	+1	16.0	6.4	18.3
195	168	Hogg Gp	193		8.1	5.5	-
198	164	JIB Group	193	-1	7.5	4.9	19.5
493	409½	Legal & Gen	453	-5		3.3	12.7
1026	768	Liberty Life	821	+10		3.5	14.2
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	440		17.3	4.9	15.8
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	279 †		5.6	2.5	20.5
368	274	Londn & Man	340 †	-2	14.2	5.2	-
362	321	Lowndes Lmb	349	-1	12.6	4.5	13.9
6747½	5631½	Marsh McLn	5631½	-81½		3.0	
97	76	Oriel	77			8.1	5.7
68	50½	PWS	59		4.0	8.5	8.6
342	282½	Prudential	321	-8		4.6	21.4
1138	800	Refuge	1045	-3	31.5	3.8	28.9
332	258	Royal	325		5.0	1.9	
183	153	Sedgwick	165	-3	6.0	4.5	19.9
261	216	Steel Burrill	218	+2	13.2	7.6	-
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	49	+1	8.2	21.0	5.0
362	307	Sun Alliance	329	+2	14.2	5.4	
61	50	Trade Indemnity	58	+1			
288	239	Transatlantic	287		12.0	5.2	26.6
773	490	Utd Friendly	678 †		14.5	2.7	-
208	171	Willis Corroon	174	-2		4.7	-
20	13½	Windsor	19				14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1617	-3	45.0	3.5	-
260	226½	Amer Trust	230	+1	4.9	2.7	47.7
343	304	Ang & O'seas	337	+1	6.8	2.5	42.8
136½	124½	B&W Conv	125		7.8	7.8	14.6
158	133½	Bankers	149 †	+½	3.4	2.9	41.0
298	264	Baring Tribne	276		6.4	2.9	43.6
148	131	Berry Starq	146	+4	2.2	1.9	-
108½	96½	Br Assets	100			5.4	26.2
67	57½	Br Empire Sec	66½		0.8	1.7	67.2
17	14	-do- Wnts	16				
173	156	Br Inv	168		4.5	3.3	42.2
164	130	Coml Assct	154		2.4	1.9	51.2
151	145	Derby Inc	145		16.6	14.3	6.7
235	195	-do- Cap	225				
119	90	Drayton Asia	116	+½	0.7	0.8	
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	68		8.4	16.1	7.3
57	35	-do- Eng Intl	56	+2	1.2	2.7	
111	84	-do- Far East	110	+2	0.6	0.7	
108	95	-do- Korea	106½	-½	0.5	0.6	
631	577	Dunedin Inc G	601	-1	25.4	5.3	27.7
582	513	-do- Wwde	568		9.5	2.1	58.5
270	222	Dundee & Lon	251	-1	12.0	6.0	23.2
50	46	EFM Inc Tst	49		4.8	12.4	8.8
54	51½	-do- Dlv Pf	52				
274	250½	Edinburgh	264½	-½	8.4	4.1	-
155	141	Electric Gen	152		3.1	2.5	48.4
97	85	English Scot	96				
253	205	European Assct	241	-1		3.1	29.4
92	77	Finsbury 'A'	92		3.0	4.1	29.6
280	248	Fleming Amer	249½	+½	0.7	0.4	
206	190½	-do- Claver	202 †			3.3	39.8
260	212	Do Cond	248	+2	1.7	1.4	-
171	147	-do- Emrg	168½		4.5	3.3	37.8
271	213	-do- F East	269	+1	1.5	0.7	
306	246	-do- Fledg	298½		3.0	1.3	
116	106½	-do- Hi Inc	114	+1	5.8	6.4	19.4
214	136	-do- Japan	212	+2	0.3	0.2	
271	250	-do- Merc	251	-1	6.7	3.3	-
251	212	-do- Oseas	238		4.0	2.1	56.8
229	203	Foreign & Col	218½		3.3	1.9	59.5
210	164	-do- Euroxt	194		1.2	0.8	
107	87	-do- German	97		0.4	0.5	
257	191	-do- Pacific	244 †	+1	1.9	1.0	-
137½	116	-do- Smaller	134½			1.7	16.3
215	145	GT Japan	215	+3		0.7	
118	65	Genl Cons Cap	114				
123½	96½	-do- Inc	107			9.9	11.0
145	123	Govett Am Smlr	134				
244	184	-do- Oriental	244	+2	0.9	0.5	-
246	207	-do- Strategy	239½	-1½	6.7	3.6	32.7
373	340	Greenfriar	370		6.5	2.1	55.6
10	5	Gresham House	8				
53	47	Independent Inv	48½		0.5	1.3	76.3
134	125	Inv Cap	128	-1	5.1	5.0	25.5
92	77	I&S UK Smllr	85½		2.0	2.9	21.1
183	159½	Kleinwort Chtr	173		5.0	3.6	33.7
203	176	-do- O'seas	195	+2	3.3	2.1	55.4
120	108	-do- Smlr	113		4.0	4.4	27.4
995	540	Law Debenture	582		18.2	3.9	29.1
175	164	Majedie	173			3.4	33.5
249	221	Merchants	237	-1	10.6	5.6	22.0
5003½	3700	Merrill Lynch	4437½	+75			
440	380	Monks Inv Tst	408½	+1½	6.7	2.1	55.0
126	105	More Gren Inc	123			4.7	24.4
37	23	Do Warrants	37				
47	39	Murray Euro	44	-1	0.1	0.5	-
11	4½	Do Wts	9½				
315	282	Murray Income	310			4.3	29.5
319	265	-do- Intl	299	-3	11.4	4.9	26.1
312	283	-do- Small	296		4.0	1.7	63.6
103	96	-do- S/C Inc	99			13.8	9.4
90	73	-do- S/C Cap	90				
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950			4.5	
147½	142½	-do- S/C PP	143½				
260	230	-do- Vern	245		10.3	5.3	19.3
71	50½	New Fr-tier	69				
85	68	Nthrgt Inc	78	+1	6.7	10.7	11.1
288	249	O'seas Inv Tst	280	-1	2.6	1.2	79.9
362	265	Pacific Assets	345	-1	1.1	0.4	
264	192	Do Warrants	247	-1			
8200	7050	Personal Assets	8150 †			2.5	48.7
124	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	122		1.1	1.2	55.7
125	108	River & Merc	115		4.2	10.0	11.5
395	350	Robeco	375½			3.3	
369	346	Rolinco	368 †			2.2	
240	214	St Andrew Inv	237		7.5	4.0	31.9
148½	131	Scot American	139		4.3	3.9	29.2
965	851	Scot Asian	920				
345	225	do Warrants	340				
73	63½	-do- Eastern	69		1.5	2.8	45.3
231	183	Scottish	193½	-½	4.6	3.0	43.1
225	179	-do- Mrge	188½	-½	3.6	2.6	44.4
79½	71	-do- Value	79			2.8	56.3
1503	1390	Second Allnce	1418	-2	36.5	3.2	34.1
84½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	81½		3.2	5.1	
130	109½	Selective Asset	123		1.2	1.2	44.2
21½	14	Sphere Inv	20 †		3.1	19.4	6.5
139	112	TR Far East	131		4.5	4.3	29.5
140½	126	TR Cin Of Lon	135½	+1	4.7	4.4	26.5
141	110	TR Pacific	128		0.3	0.3	
20½	17	TR Property	20½		1.3		97.5
89	47	TR Tech Inv	52		1.7	4.2	35.6
170	146	TR Smlr Cos	158½		3.7	2.9	46.4
335	263	Temple Bar	305½	-1	13.2	5.4	23.0
92	69	Tmpltn Asian E	85		0.5	0.7	
66	54	Thrgmorton	62½	+1	2.3	4.6	25.6
418	363	Throg Dual Cp	393	-10			
165	178	USDC Invest	192		4.5	2.9	35.3
92	76½	Value Inc Tst	92			4.9	24.3
566	542	Whitbread Inv	561	-2	15.0	3.3	37.2
195	181	Witan	199½		7.6	3.7	33.2

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	291	Airtours	288	-2	7.2	3.1	10.2
60	42	Ald Leis	52	-1	4.1		14.9
289	194	Anglia TV	269	+6	5.3	4.3	
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	302	-3	10.0	4.4	12.6
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1200		22.0	2.3	
104	90	Border TV	94	-2		3.6	12.3
10½	4½	Brent Walker	10				
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	3½				
392	179	Campion	378 †	-2	12.5	4.4	
197	171	Capital Radio	190		5.2	3.5	22.1
616	718	Carlton Comm	741	-5	17.0	2.6	21.9
236	158	Castle Comm	178 †			6.0	10.3
1855	1615	Central TV	1855	-25	38.0	2.6	
69	61	Chrysalis	65	+1			
610	517	Compass Gp	557	-3	12.3	2.8	15.9
350	258	Eurocamp	345		9.7	5.0	10.1
1190	710	Euro Disney	653	-42		1.4	
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½				
38	16	Ex-Lands	30				
333	245	Fairline Boats	332		10.5	4.0	
379	320	First Leisure	360		8.1	2.1	21.0
515	293	GWR Gp	513			1.7	26.4
194	149	Grampian	195	+2	5.5	3.6	15.6
6	5	Greenwich Com	5				
51	19	HTV Group	50				
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	42		5.5		2.6
8	5½	Kunick	10½				
390	262	LWT CP	390	+4	4.9	1.6	
452	327	Man Utd	452 †		18.0	5.0	15.5
148	96½	Owners Abrd	109	-2	3.5	4.0	8.7
66	33	The Pelican Gp	55			2.3	16.9
130	55	Prism Leisure	110			3.1	12.5
32	16	Quadrant Grp	17		4.0		2.6
318	291	Radio Clyde	291			3.7	22.8
174	132	Ramsdens (H)	174	+2		3.2	23.1
502	431	Scot TV	451 †	+3	9.9	2.8	-
60	41	Southern Radio	41		0.7	2.4	17.1
209	168	Stanley Leisure	197	+1		3.6	16.6
9	5½	Sunleigh	8½				
145	135	Sunset & Vine	138		3.5	3.2	16.1
29	20	TSW	29 #			23.8	0.9
420	383	Tanjong	420			0.6	
221	150	Thames TV	195		2.5	1.6	-
2½	1	Ticketing	2½				
117	84	Tottenham Hot	89				2.9
78	44	Trans World	67			1.5	26.4
373	274	Ulster TV	373	+1	10.0	3.4	11.3
22	13½	Wembley	15½	+½	0.2	1.6	
31	7½	Whitegate	24				
175	110	Yorkshire TV	171	-3	12.0	8.8	5.2
108	83	Zetters Gp	106		8.0	9.4	10.7

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3437½	1800	Am Gold	3437½	+9½		5.8	17.3
1325	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1256½			7.4	5.0
1762½	1125	Ang Am	1762½			3.9	12.1
18½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	16½				
98	33	Blyvoors	95½	-2½		6.4	5.2
29	18	Bracken	27½	+½			1.4
576	233	Buffels	565	-11		7.0	13.9
2	1½	Butte	1½				
684	546	CRA	601			3.5	-
20	11	Chall Res	19½	-½			
1150	762½	De Beers	1112½	+50		4.3	-
68	37½	Deelkraal	65½	-2½		9.2	3.6
30	7	Doornfontein	27½	+½			
600	388	Driefontein	573	-7		5.8	10.5
302	120	Durban	302	+18			
96	47	E Rand Gold	90	-3		13.3	-
126	62	E Daggs	124	-2			10.3
213	54	E Rand Prop	199	-14			
281	117	Elandsrand	271	+3		4.5	6.3
609	292	FS Cons	609	+5		8.4	-
25	8	FS Dev	16				
1251	725	GFSA	1225	-25		3.3	19.2
164	125	Gencor	160			6.3	12.2
51½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	50	-1½		2.7	12.3
16½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	+½			
118	49	Grootvlei	113	-3		9.2	6.7
281	78	Harmony	281	+5			
284	87	Harties	258	-4			10.0
14	8½	Inoco	9½				
783	491	Impala Plat	716	-6			10.1
13½	6	Kenmare Res	11½				
692	332	Kinross	692	+13		7.3	7.5
614	319	Kloof	609	+1		3.0	10.2
72	25	Leslie	72	+1		5.9	7.1
59	13	Loraine	59				
116½	96½	MIM	98	+½		2.3	44.7
995	820	Minorco	975	+5		3.8	11.5
123½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	119½	-1½		4.2	-
1575	610	Orange Free	1550	-9½		6.1	13.8
709	628	RTZ	647	-1	19.5	4.0	28.3
550	425	Rand Mines	500			11.8	2.3
133	85	Rand Mln Prp	127			13.3	6.1
390	150	Randfontein	390	+7		4.4	5.0
163	115	Renison	150	-3		3.0	14.6
1075	850	Rustnbrg	975			4.7	15.2
426	191	St Helena	426			5.7	8.7
1075	475	Southvaal	1066	-9		5.5	18.3
63½	18	Stilfontein	63½	+½		10.2	10.7
157	58	Unisel	134	-14		2.3	13.0
3587½	1800	Vaal Reefs	3500	-37½		6.3	6.0
413	154	Welkom	406			8.0	12.5
102	26	Western Areas	102	+20			
1425	587½	Western Deep	1412½	-12½		4.5	8.4
247	176	Wstn Mining	231	-1			
692	323	Winkels	684	+5		1.5	5.6
84	56	Zambia Copper	64				
34	18	Zandpan	33				10.4

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238		0.1	0.1	17.6
125	95	Airflow Stream	117		3.2		
116	82	Appleyard	115	+1	5.2	5.7	
280	203	Bletchley Mtr	280		8.8	4.0	-
147	120	Bostrom	142 †		6.0	5.3	-
324	165	Br Aerospace	318	-4	7.0	2.8	
328	303	Caffyns	303		11.5	4.7	40.4
9½	4½	Caverdale	9				
130	98	Central Mtrs	127			3.9	32.3
26	18	Cook (DC)	20				
230	156	Cowie (T)	230		6.2	3.4	17.5
110	86	Dag Motors	105 †		5.7	6.8	-
147	106	Davnprt Vern	147	+1	4.0	3.4	18.1
264	155	ERF	199		4.0		
117	92	European Mtr	107	+1		1.8	
292	208	Evans Halshaw	272		11.2	5.2	41.9
290	226	FR Group	272		7.2	3.4	-
3606½	2843½	Ford Motor	3343½	+106½			
2875	2143½	General Mtr	2562½	+62½		2.0	
51	38	Gowrings	50 †		2.0	5.0	-
125	85	Henlys	125	+2	3.0	3.0	
875	680	Honda Motor	813	+17		0.7	
26	15	Jacks (Wm)	22				
95	66	Jessups	95		4.5	5.9	
136	97	Kwik-Fit	132	+5	3.3	3.2	-
344	281	Lex Service	341	-1	10.6	3.9	-
117	85	Lookers	116	+1	6.2	6.7	
152	126	Lucas	134 †	-1	7.0	6.5	
234½	234½	Pendragon	260			3.2	21.0
165	106	Perry Gp	165		6.0	4.6	-
153	108	Quicks Group	148		4.5	3.8	-
139	99	Rolls-Royce	133	-2½	5.0	4.7	
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	137	+3	4.0	3.6	21.2
183	121	Westland	183	+3	4.2	2.9	16.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	133		4.0	3.8	14.2
330	325	Black (A&C)	325		13.5	5.3	-
608	488	Blenheim Gp	520	+2		2.2	19.2
310	225	Bristol	310	+5	11.5	4.6	23.0
9200	7775	Daily Mail	9100		13.0	1.8	20.5
9150	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9075		13.0	1.8	20.4
306	251	Dorling Kind	253 †	+1		1.5	34.2
373	328	EMAP	373	+2		2.5	24.3
983	873	Euromoney Pb	905		39.5	3.9	21.1
237	170	Harrington K	219		4.5	2.6	17.7
358	233	Haynes Pub	308		6.0	2.4	13.2
283	226	Headline	283		4.5	2.0	-
140	105	Home Counts	129 †		6.0	5.8	-
7½	3	Intl Bus Comm	7½	+2½			
8	6½	Int Cm & Data	7½				
520	400	Independent	510 †			4.2	-
536	395	Johnstone Press	536	+1	6.2	1.5	23.2
288	243	Metal Bulletin	276		8.0	3.6	19.5
143	88	Mirror Gp	139	+1			
373	297	News Corp	343			0.3	23.7
240	169	News Intl	233	-4		0.5	16.1
437	354	Pearson	428	-1		3.5	20.1
658	510	Portsmth Sund	658		8.6	1.6	16.9
686	618	Reed Int	643	-7		3.3	28.0
146	98	Southnews	145	+4		1.3	42.7
130	90	Sterling Pubs	116			2.7	38.3
370	328	Telegraph	365	+1	11.0	3.8	-
825	715	Thomson Corp	765		25.4	4.2	-
347	313	Trinity Intl	345		8.7	3.2	20.7
39	34	Unit Group	34				
610	494	Utd Nwspapers	603	-5		4.5	15.0

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	Aberdeen Pet	16½	-½			
28½	17	Aran Energy	26½				
52	40	Arcon Intl	47				
61	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	57	-1			
63	26	Aviva Pet	49	+1			
14	9	Beverley	10		0.6		
183	145	Br Borneo	149	-1	7.1	6.0	4.5
326	226	British Gas	304	-4	14.2	6.0	14.3
312½	225	Br Petroleum	281½	-2½	10.5	4.7	44.4
1½	1	Bula Resources	1				
757	675	Burmah Castl	725 †	+4		4.4	17.7
57	32	Cairn Energy	57	+2			8.2
268	223	Calor Gp	255		12.0	6.0	-
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	48				
35	27	Copies Res	27				
14½	10½	Edn Oil & Gas	14½				
521	397	Enterprise	479	-1	16.0	4.2	59.1
88	55	Exp Co Louis	67				
34½	19½	Fairhaven Intl	32½			1.7	12.4
67	45	Goal Pet	52	-½	1.4	3.4	9.9
37	18	Gt Western Res	26				
195	108	Hardy O & G	153	+1	1.0	0.8	48.0
34	18½	Keh Energy	32½				
195	141	LASMO	148 †	+3	3.3	2.8	30.0
103	63	-do- Units	80		9.4	14.8	
24	14½	Mid Sea Res	24				
46½	34	Monument	45½	+½			
9½	6	New London	6½				
35	21	Nth Sea Assets	31		1.0	4.0	10.7
35	27	Oil Search	34	-1			
14½	12	[illegible]	13				
110	90	Pict Pet	104				14.4
30½	19	Premier	28½	+½			10.0
115	50	Presidio	115	+5		5.0	
368	290	Ranger	295			5.4	
6000	5150	Royal Dtch Pl	5675	+9½		5.7	13.3
4262½	3600	Schlumberger	4112½	-137½		1.8	
67	47	Seafield	50				
605	515	Shell	554	-8	21.0	4.9	17.0
203	191	Sunrise Eng Sv	192				
10½	4½	Teredo	5½				
41	25	Triton Europe	35				
11	6½	Villers Grp	10½				
175	140½	Woodside	157			2.3	

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
309	249	API	308	-1	7.5	3.0	26.8
191	144	Arjo Wiggins	194	-3		4.2	19.2
500	408	Abbott Mead	495		9.3	2.3	-
	1½	Acsis Group	1½				
24	11	Aegis Gp	21		1.3		
212	195	Aspen Comm	187 †			3.3	-
12	7	BBB Design	12				
335	234½	Bemrose	335			4.4	-
33	16	Birkdale	19	-5	0.2	1.4	15.2
138	119	Bunzl	133		4.0	3.8	-
287	259	CIA Gp	264			2.1	15.7
254	116	Capital Inds	253		4.0	2.0	-
54	44	City of Lon	50			6.5	10.5
214	169	Cropper (James)	214		5.0	1.8	24.4
6		Crown Comm	6				
73	51	Delyn Pckging	65		1.4	2.9	12.9
117	94	Dolphin Pack	104 †		4.5	5.4	-
55	42	Dudley Jenkins	50				12.6
14½	12½	Elswick	13½		0.2		11.3
58	41	Fairey Groups	56	-2		7.0	16.3
296	271	Ferguson Intl	293		12.5	5.3	16.9
105	92	Ferry Pick	105		7.5	8.9	-
107	74	Fulcrum	100	-7		0.5	25.0
30	14	Fuch	17½				
94	69	Gibbon Lyons	84	+4		0.6	18.4
295	247	Gold Greenless	275			1.8	22.7
41	30	Goodhead	36	-1	0.5	2.4	
64	43	Hunterprint	65	-1			
163	136	Intereurope	163		7.4	5.7	16.7
258	191	Jarvis Porter	228		4.4	2.4	21.9
36	15½	Lopex	36	-1			
274	175	More O'Ferrall	268	-1	13.2	6.2	-
85	45	NMC Group	82		1.2		16.2
103	66	Osborne & Little	100		4.3	5.4	12.6
234	167	Quarto	234		5.3	2.7	
342	319	St Ives Gp	329		5.2	2.0	22.3
195	152	Saatchi	175	+1			
472	333	Sappi	392			9.0	-
19½	11½	Settle	15				
26	14	Shandwick	21½				
238	244	Smith David	236	+3	6.5	3.5	14.9
305	244	Smurfit (Jeff)	243	+1		0.6	8.6
243	182	Sta-Plus	243 †		8.0	4.1	-
23½	16½	Taylor Nelson	23½		0.3	1.8	-
53	38	VTR	51			9.5	14.2
74	40	WPP	73	-3		1.7	
125	82	Wace	124	-1	2.2	2.1	
221	205	Waddington (J)	214		7.9	4.6	16.2
657	541	Warmough	657	+2	11.5	2.2	25.8
6½	4½	Wesport	6				21.3
29	12	Whitney Mcke	20				
74	55	Wood (SW)	71		0.2	0.4	

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	41	Allied Lon	62 †		3.5	7.1	53.5
61	58	Arcadian	60				
73	54	Asda	69	-2	2.1	3.9	-
139	86	Avonside	125	-2	4.0	4.0	-
2637½	2062½	BCE	2212½	+12½			
535	395	Bilton	513 †	-6	18.9	4.6	16.6
26	23	Bourne End	25		1.0	5.2	
178	150	Bradford	177		4.4	3.1	16.1
23	12	Bredero	18				1.7
277	176	Br Land	249	-4	6.3	3.2	23.0
198	153	Brixton	177	-5	8.3	6.1	-
57	45	Burford	56	+1	1.1	2.6	-
145	99	Cap & Regnl	144			1.0	-
125	130	Cardiff Prop	125		2.4	2.4	
260	196	Chesterfield	254		18.5		17.0
32	12	City Site Ests	30		1.4		
19	12	Clarke Nickolls	16		0.3		3.9
14	10	Clayform	12				
1065	818	Daejan	1065	-10	25.0	2.9	16.6
3	1½	Dares Estates	3				
88	53	Debenham Twsn	70		2.5	4.5	25.4
12	4	De Morgan	6				
101	76	Dencora	101	+6	3.0	3.8	
423	263	Derwent Hldgs	406 †	+3	8.6	2.6	50.6
225	170	Estates Agency	200		3.0	1.9	18.3
27	7½	Estates Gen	14				
84	72	Evanbrook	77		2.7	4.6	8.2
143	132	Evans Of Leeds	138		4.1	3.8	13.2
24	11	Five Oaks	22½	-1			
52	30	Fletcher King	52		1.0	2.4	37.6
405	295	Frogmore	387	+1	15.0	4.8	21.8
140	97	Grainger	138		5.2	4.8	30.6
170	120	Gr Portland	164	-3	10.0	7.6	16.3
19	7½	Greycoat	19		5.2		
128	101	HK Land	112	-1		5.8	-
72	35	Hambro Cntyw	70	-½			
417	277	Hammerson	330	+4	10.0	3.9	-
382	245	-do- 'A'	299	+4		4.3	-
191	127	Helical Bar	191	+6		3.1	
26	19	Hemingway	23				
132	62	Herring Baker	62		3.7	7.6	-
153	133	Jermyn	138		1.5	1.4	
539	435	Land Sec	523	-5	21.7	5.2	15.9
91	73	Lon Merch Sec	88	-1	3.8	5.4	14.0
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3				
418	324	MEPC	381	-2	20.0	6.6	16.0
6½	5	McInerney A	6				
110	90	McKay Secs	104		6.7		17.1
7½	3	Markheath	4½		0.5		
39	12	Merivale Mre	39	+3½	1.0	3.2	
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #				
35	30	Moorfield Est	30				
880	775	Mountview	850		18.0	2.7	8.7
139	112	Mucklow (A&J)	135		5.9	5.6	18.6
40	30	Olive Hldgs	31		9.0		4.7
10½	5½	Ossory Est	6½	-½	0.1	2.8	2.0
201	138	Peel	175	-4	3.0	2.1	
16	8	Power Corp	12				1.3
123	88	Prop Security	118	-4	3.7	4.0	23.5
39	26	Property Trust	28				
29	1½	Raglan	2				
35	11	Regalian	26½	+½	1.5	7.1	8.2
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	110		1.3	1.5	23.4
36	16	St Modwen Prp	31½		0.6	2.4	24.0
61	39	Savills	59				
70	34	Scot Met	56	+1	1.5		
74	39	Shaftesbury	74				
3	5	Shield	12½				
36	17	Sinclair Gldsm	35 #		0.5	1.8	
198	139½	Slough Estates	186	-3		6.1	11.6
74	56	Southend Prop	66	-1	4.1	7.7	34.3
16	7	Speyhawk	14				
27	16	Stanhope Prps	27				
156	114	Tops Ests	156		2.0	1.6	39.6
100	79	Town Centre	99	-1	3.1	3.9	18.5
65	43	Trafford Park	60		2.5	5.4	16.2
39	8	UK Land	27				
7	4	Union Square	6½				
217	180	Warner	215		10.5	6.3	19.0
199	168	Warnford	192		7.2	4.7	13.3
8	5½	Waterglade	7½				
49	35	Wates	48		0.7	2.0	
70	40	Wood John Dn	69	+1			

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	11	Automagic	18				
121	86	Headlam	120 †			2.7	-
500	330	Lambert	365	-15	13.0	4.5	-
100	80	Pittard Garnar	81		2.0	3.1	23.1
27	37	Strong & Fisher	26 †	-1	1.0	4.8	7.2
150	89	Stylo	131		3.0	2.9	-

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
485	408	Allied Text	459		12.6	3.4	14.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	54 †		4.7		10.7
27	21	Bolton Gp	25				12.7
165	141	Br Mohair	155		8.5	6.9	-
153	89	Celestion	144		1.4	1.2	
20	15	Charnwell	20		0.4	2.5	
345	298	Claremont Gt	339	+1	7.2	2.7	21.2
601	551	Courtauld Text	551	-3	13.6	3.1	15.1
53½	24½	Cupid	37			11.9	4.4
248½	221	Dawson	232	-1	9.0	4.8	22.5
30	22	Drummond	24		1.5		7.7
37½	27	Dunkeld	27				
72	65	Faupel	68			9.0	6.7
34	15	Foster (John)	20		0.5	3.1	
87	82	Gaskell	87	+2	4.2	6.7	
186	150	Hicking Pntcst	171	+1	3.4	2.5	14.5
59	45	Jerome (S)	58				
328	249	Lamont	324		12.0	3.8	
425	357½	Leeds	424	+1		2.2	20.5
42	15	Lister	37		0.1	0.3	
122	81	Lyles (S)	82	+1	4.9	7.6	9.1
111	69	Parkland 'A'	110	-1	2.0	2.3	
95½	82	Readicut	94½	+½	3.4	4.6	16.6
53	35	SEET	41				
84	72	Sirdar	85		5.1	7.6	14.9
58	44	Stirling Gp	58		1.6	3.6	21.2
51	42	Stoddard	42		2.6	7.8	11.2
310	250	Tomkinsons	301		11.5	4.8	26.0
62½	32½	West Trust	45			6.9	
417	252	Yorklyde	417		10.4	3.2	-

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1014½	837	BAT	839	-13		5.5	18.1
690	584½	Rothmans 'B'	614	-4	10.2	2.1	14.0

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
408	349	Assoc Br Ports	398	+3	8.5	2.7	
813	738	BAA	752	-7	14.5	2.4	13.3
311	260	Br Airways	282	+2		4.7	7.5
81	58	Clarkson (H)	59		1.5	3.2	
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #				
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	424				
51	44	Fisher (James)	49		1.0	2.6	13.2
138	126	Graig	130		4.5	4.4	
166	147	IoM Steam	161	+1		6.2	9.1
33	24	Jacobs (JI)	33		0.5	1.9	
79	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79		1.2	2.0	4.8
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2087½	-12½	4.5	0.3	11.4
349	280	Mersey Docks	335		7.5	2.8	21.5
210	181	Natl Express	186			4.8	-
284	239	NFC	256 †	+2	6.5	3.3	19.4
302	244	Ocean Group	270 †	+1	14.3	6.6	
53	40	Ocean Wilson	53			6.3	11.9
627	504	P & O Dfd	568	-2		6.7	18.3
137	127	P & O 5½%	132			5.2	
536	448	Powell Duffryn	535		22.6	5.3	21.4
138	117	Seacon	131			4.9	8.2
41½	24	TIP Europe	41½		1.4	4.2	10.1
45½	31½	TNT	43½				
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	723 †	+3	11.8	2.0	-
382	290	Tiphook	293		17.3	7.4	5.8
298	254	TDG	254	-3	9.5	4.7	-

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	460	Anglian Water	494	-5	19.3	4.9	9.0
652	547	Northumbrian	619	-6	20.5	4.1	6.4
533	449	North West	483	-6	19.6	5.1	8.5
533	439	Severn Trent	481	-8	19.3	5.0	7.0
554	454	Sthrn Water	498	-12	19.5	4.9	8.8
1325	1325	Sth Staffs	1320		40.2	3.8	8.5
569	467	South West	506	-11	21.7	5.4	7.7
562	468	Thames Water	502	-8	19.2	4.8	9.5
612	506	Welsh Water	552	-14	21.4	4.8	6.4
649	536	Wessex Water	608	-7		4.0	8.2
595	506	Yorkshire W	534	-12	19.5	4.6	8.7

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ACCOUNTANCY

Small reform for small audits

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THE latest offering from the Department of Trade and Industry on small company audits is rather like winning the pools and then finding out that you are sharing the proceeds with thousands of other lucky winners and, yes, your share is only £1.50.

After years of pressure and campaigning to alleviate the burden of audit costs on small businesses, the government has come up with proposals which will affect only between 250,000 and 300,000 businesses — or to be more accurate, businessmen. The DTI's plans will help one-man bands such as window cleaners, consultants, taxi drivers and plumbers. They should also save money for many non-commercial companies, such as incorporated small sports clubs, allotment societies and flat-owners owning their building's freehold jointly through a company.

The modest proposals will not provide relief for the many businesses that fall into the group which the accounting profession perceives as small. The possible reform, outlined in the DTI's consultative paper *Audit and Accounting Requirements for Very Small Companies*, applies only to businesses with annual turnover below the VAT threshold, currently £37,600, and with gross assets under £100,000.

The English institute reckoned companies with turnover up to about £2 million needed *some relaxation of audit rules*. Companies which fall under the Financial Services Act are also excluded in the cause of investor protection, as are holding companies and plc subsidiaries.

For those companies below the DTI's limits, the paper offers two alternatives for changing the current audit rules: either to abolish the audit requirement entirely, or to replace the audit report with *a less costly "compilation"* report. The impact on audit costs, which Neil Hamilton, minister for corporate affairs, said ranged between £500 and £1,000 for companies of the relevant size, will vary depending on the approach adopted.

Exemption from statutory audit would still require a company to prepare accounts giving a true and fair view and file them at Companies House, but all the costs of a formal audit would be removed. Mr Hamilton thinks the second option, to replace audit by a compilation report and directors' declaration, might merely cut audit fees by between 30 and 40 per cent.

Cost would be lower because the auditor would not have to verify the existence of assets the business purports to possess and therefore not have to express a view on the accounts.

According to the paper, this approach will give users of accounts a greater degree of comfort than the proposal to abolish the need for an audit completely. This is a concern to the DTI, which Mr Hamilton says has struggled to find the right balance between cost savings and opening opportunities for fraud.

In the past decade, fraud has often been presented as a reason for keeping the audit requirement. Bodies such as the British Bankers' Association have made it clear that they think too much relaxation can be too tempting for those with light fingers. Indeed, the BBA is no doubt overjoyed at the low turnover limit the DTI has plumped for since the BBA suggested it.

The advantage claimed for the low limit is that most of the businesses affected are sole traders with no employees who can exhibit fraudulent tendencies. Any higher limit would also have encountered stronger opposition, for instance from certified accountants, who consider firms should not enjoy limited liability without accepting its obligations. The ensuing compromise will disappoint many campaigners who can be expected to damn it as little better than useless at tackling the problems.

The DTI is seeking comments on its proposals by the end of June, after which it expects to issue a further consultation document before making any changes necessary to the Companies Acts.



Compromise: Neil Hamilton's proposals are limited by worries about fraud

100 years of fame, fortune and secrecy

THE greatest enemy of the top accounting firms is their own culture of secrecy. This has been so throughout the history of their growth over the last century. It stifles proper analysis of their position within the business world and contrasts with the amount of analysis carried out on clients' figures they have certified. It also contributes to the climate of suspicion that nurtures their many critics.

It even renders anodyne the very few books on the main accounting firms. Rather like the rules surrounding Whitehall archives, facts and figures are allowed to appear at a suitably safe interval — but nothing contemporary or useful. So it is with *Accounting for Success — a History of Price Waterhouse in America 1890-1990*, by David Grayson Allen and Kathleen McDermott, published by Harvard Business School Press.

Those who wanted to check on nuggets of new information would immediately turn to *the index and then, for example, check the* potentially riveting graph on page 187. This shows net income as a percentage of fees billed and shows the phenomenal amounts of money being made. The table covers 1967 to 1978 and shows that income was held between 20-25 per cent of fees for all that time, except for 1971 and 1972 when it dropped just marginally under 20 per cent. By any standards, this shows an excellent way of making a living. And it would be interesting to know what happened after the end of that chapter, which is entitled The Turbulent Years. But typically, when we progress from 1978 to the present day the figures just *dry up. Equally, interesting* points about Price Waterhouse's failure to consummate either of its merger attempts with Deloittes or Arthur Andersen in the 1980s are ignored. The book does not, for example, reveal that the UK was prime among 'certain important countries' that voted the Deloittes merger down.

Typically, those figures and graphs which *do come right up to date show* chargeable hours vanishing off the top of the table and PW being head and shoulders above the competition in the number of *Fortune* 100 largest multinational companies as clients. Nor does the book really explain why Price Waterhouse has been such a success. But it does show that secrecy has always been part of it. In 1932 *Fortune* magazine said that PW was "as unapproachable as royalty, entrenched in tradition and pride as well as professional ethics". Elsewhere, the book makes much of high-quality work and blue-chip clients. But it is never satisfactorily explained how PW survived the impact and growth of much more competitive firms. An example is given of the PW ethos of the mid-1950s. "In recounting a conversation with the chairman of a large London company who was displeased with his current auditors and sought to change to PW, this British senior partner told the executive committee: 'I talked him out of it. He had a fine firm and you don't switch auditors. Forget it'."

Taken together with an example quoted of the bruising Arthur Andersen methods of *client poaching of the time, and you really* wonder why PW did not just wither away. In the late 1950s, PW's senior partner is quoted as upbraiding Andersen's legendary Leonard Spacek with the words "Leonard, I didn't much like your visiting US Steel." To which Spacek replied: "Jack, I'll visit anywhere I'm asked to visit." "Yes", replied PW's man. "But do you have to send eight partners?" In the American environment, where at a certain level of business an air of certainty and quality counts for more than the brash energy exhibited lower down, perhaps a firm like PW fits the image better. The 1990s seem more tentative. It is obvious from the book's last pages that a global firm is the way forward. Yet partners are portrayed as dithering over the legal and litigation implications of carrying through the policy firmly. Far better to revert to the bad old days of pioneering at the turn of the *century. Partners then had* just as tough a time as today's jet-lagged successors. And in other respects we discover that accounting services have come full circle.

People talking now of expanding the auditors' measurement role will be interested in PW's work for railways in the UK in the 1860s. Edwin Waterhouse "introduced significant improvements in operating statistics, which aided company personnel in making performance measurements and decisions involving resource allocations". If only he could have a word across the centuries with his current partners and get them to release some coherent figures for 1993.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Goings on at the top table

THE ICAEW amply demonstrated the City's business as usual theme on Monday by holding its annual dinner with minimum fuss and maximum aplomb little more than a hundred yards from the Bishopsgate bombsite, disturbed only by the occasional speck of dust dislodged from the roof. Any potential embarrassment at finding the profession with two ministerial bosses since the transfer of financial services to the Treasury was resolved by Ian Plaistowe, the president, flanking himself with the economic secretary on his right and the corporate affairs minister on his left. The institute was not so lucky in its relations with the stock exchange. Peter Rawlins had been invited, as chief executive, before his sudden departure over the Taurus collapse. The resilient Rawlins fulfilled the engagement, but found he had accidentally been expunged from both the pre-printed guest list and table plan.

Is it panic?

DECIDE whether this shows enthusiasm or panic. Copies of a pamphlet, *Guidelines for Audit Committees*, drawn up by ProNed, the organisation that advises on and helps recruit non-executive directors, have been disappearing like hot cakes on Everest. About 6,000 have been requested and despatched to listed companies in four weeks.

Putting it right

"COMPANY finances in this country are structured quite wrongly", a conference organised by Bedfordshire chartered accountant Charles Russam's GMS Consultancy and the Dunstable Management Group was told last week. The big mistake was borrowing too much on overdraft from the bank. This diagnosis would not have surprised many insolvency practitioners, save for its source: David McMeekin of Midland Bank. He urged long-term debt and venture capital, relegating overdrafts to their original purpose. But then, banks are keener on fees than lending these days.

Self-deprecation among accountants knows no bounds. A leading partner in a Big Six firm confesses: you can always tell an accountant at a party, no-one else goes round straightening the pictures.

Court of Appeal

Law Report April 29 1993

Queen's Bench Division

Whether to allow amendment

Easton v Ford Motor Co Ltd

Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss

[Judgment April 22]

The factors emphasised by the majority of the House of Lords in *Ketteman v Hansel Properties Ltd* ([1987] AC 189), to determine whether or not to allow an application to amend the defence, were not of much importance when the action was not yet ready for trial and the amendment did not involve a limitation defence.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendants, Ford Motor Co Ltd, against the interlocutory decision of Mr Justice Eastham, sitting at Liverpool on April 3, 1992 whereby he dismissed the defendants' appeal from the decision of District Judge Wilkinson on October 7, 1991 refusing to allow the defendants to make various amendments to their defence.

Mr Conrad Dehn, QC and Mr Murray Shanks for the defendants; Mr Geoffrey Tattersall, QC and Mr Andrew G. Moran for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the plaintiff claimed that he should have been granted an award under Ford's employee suggestion plan whereby suggestions by employees which saved the company money or in some other way conferred an advantage on Ford were rewarded with a maximum of £2,500 and a new car.

Until recently the essence of the defence was that the plaintiff did not get an award since his suggestion was not novel. The new point which it was now sought to put forward by amendment was that it was provided in the scheme documents that the committee which scrutinised suggestions had the final say and could not be challenged.

It was common ground that the form of application signed by the person making a suggestion included a statement to the effect that the decision of the committee was final and it was not in doubt that that document had contractual status.

The action was commenced by issue of the writ in April 1986. The defence was served in August and the reply served in September. The plaintiffs served their list of documents in September 1987 and the defendants served theirs in November 1987. It was not until November 1989 that an amended defence was served. There was then nearly a year of delay until October 1990 when the plaintiff served interrogatories on the defendants. Those were answered in February 1991. The application to make the present amendments was made in June 1991.

Mr Justice Eastham referred to section 49(2) of the Supreme Court Act 1981, various notes to Order 15, rule 6 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and to the general principles governing the grant of leave to amend in volume 1 of *The Supreme Court Practice 1991* at note 20/5-8/6 and the cases of *Cropper v Smith* ((1883) 26 Ch 700), *Tildsley v Harper* ((1876) 10 Ch 393) and *Clarapede v Commercial Union Association* ((1883) 32 WR 262).

He then went on to find Lord Griffiths' speech in *Ketteman* (at p220C-F) of general applicability subject to the qualification that the application to amend in *Ketteman* was made during closing speeches and was a limitation defence.

Mr Justice Eastham went on to consider where the justice lay and found that the plaintiff had been subject to the strain of litigation over five years, that he was a personal plaintiff without the benefit of legal aid and was ranged against a major English company which was the subsidiary of a multi-national company. Accordingly, he upheld the decision of the district judge and refused the amendments.

In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Justice Eastham seriously misdirected himself on the facts and, given that, it was open to the Court of Appeal to review the exercise of his discretion. The judge also misdirected himself in attaching so much importance to the factors to which Lord Griffiths drew attention (at p220E-H) for assessing where the justice lay while failing to take into account that the action was nowhere near ready for trial.

There was more to be said for refusing an amendment when it was in the course of trial or very nearly ready for trial.

However, Mr Justice Eastham did not have the advantage of various unreported decisions of the Court of Appeal which dealt with the applicability of *Ketteman* when the application to amend did not involve a limitation defence.

His Lordship found helpful *Khalsa & Khalsa v Hepherd Winstanley* (CA, unreported, May 8, 1992); *British Gas v Green Elms Ltd* (CA, unreported, February 5, 1988) and *McLellan v Estates of V. M. Leighton* (CA, unreported, March 30, 1988).

In the present case, his Lordship did not doubt that it was the normal rule which was to be applied since there would be no injustice in allowing the application to amend the defence as it did not of itself raise any need for new evidence.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant; Poole Swale, Widnes.

No free school transport duty

Regina v Essex County Council, Ex parte C

Before Mr Justice Jowitt

[Judgment March 12]

The duty of the local education authority to provide free transport under section 55(1) of the Education Act 1944 for a child attending a school which was more than three miles away arose only when that school was of the authority's choice.

Mr Justice Jowitt so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing the application by C's mother on his behalf for judicial review of the refusal of the respondent, the local education authority, Essex County Council, dated March 30, 1990 and February 28, 1991, to make arrangements for the provision of transport free of charge for the purpose of facilitating the attendance of C at school A, for 1990/1991 and 1991/1992 respectively.

C, aged eight, suffered from fragile X syndrome giving rise to special educational needs. Although those needs could be met at both schools A and B, his parents preferred to send him to school A 14 miles away from his home.

C became a registered pupil there in 1989. On March 30, 1990 the LEA made a statement of C's needs under section 7(1) of the Education Act 1981 naming school B as the appropriate school for C to attend.

Although the LEA agreed to the parents' request that C should attend school A, and transport had been provided to that school at a very modest cost, it maintained that it had no legal obligation to provide free transport to and from school A. That was because school B was nearer to home. As that school was more than three miles from home, the LEA was willing to provide free transport between that school and home.

Mr Alan Wilkie, QC, for the appellant; Mr Richard McManus for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE JOWITT said that it was not challenged that the LEA was entitled to come to the view that C's special educational needs could be properly met at school B.

What was said was that school B was not the school of C's parents' choice and that no statutory exceptions had been established which would justify denying their right to choose school A. The LEA could not, therefore, discharge its duties to C by making provision for his special educational needs at school B since to do so would deny the parents' right of choice.

The case for the applicant was that when a parent had exercised a preference under section 6 of the Education Act 1980 the LEA fell under a duty, pursuant to section 55(1) of the 1944 Act, to provide free transport between the child's home and the chosen school if the distance between the two was more than three miles.

Mr Wilkie submitted that it mattered not that school A was an offer to C's parents on the basis that there would be no free transport. School A was the parents' preference and unless section 6(3) of the Education Act 1980 applied, and it did not, the LEA was obliged to give effect to it under section 6(2), and there was a consequent right to free transport pursuant to section 55(1) of the 1944 Act.

He argued that if a parent had the right to send his child to a school of his own choice, he must be provided with a defence under section 39(2)(c) of the 1944 Act if the LEA had not made any of the arrangements referred to in that paragraph, namely, that a child would not be deemed to have failed to have attended school if no suitable arrangments had been made by the LEA either for his transport to and from school, boarding accommodation at or near the school, or enabling him to be registered at a school nearer to his home.

The duty under section 39(2)(c) of the 1944 Act was to provide a place at a suitable school. If the school was not acceptable to the parents, it could not be said to be suitable. To hold otherwise would be to negate the right of choice.

His Lordship did not see why the right of choice pursuant to section 6(2) of the 1980 Act could be said to carry with it a right to be provided with free transport if the school was more than three miles from the child's home.

His Lordship approached the construction of section 39(2)(c) of *the 1944 Act in the following way.* Two questions had to be asked.

The first was: what had to be suitable? The answer was the arrangements made by the LEA for the child. The second was: what arrangements for the child? The answer was that there were three different kinds of arrangements: (1) for the child's transport to and from the school at which he was a registered pupil (2) for boarding him at or near the school (3) for enabling him to become a registered pupil at a school nearer home.

Dealing with the third of those arrangements, which was relevant to this case, on the plain reading of the words of the statute, the suitable arrangements did not, in his Lordship's judgment, describe the quality of the school and could not do so without suspending the *rules of grammar.*

The duty of the LEA created by section 55(1) of the 1944 Act to provide free transport applied when the child attended a school of *the LEA's choice. It had no* application to the case of a child who attended a school chosen by his parents in the exercise of the right of preference accorded to them by section 6 of the 1980 Act where that involved a choice of a school other than that which, left to its own devices, would be nominated by the LEA.

A place was available at school B and the LEA had at all times been willing to make suitable arrangements for C to become a registered pupil there. Accordingly there was no duty on the LEA to provide free *transport or the cost thereof* between C's home and school A.

Solicitors: Teacher Stern Selby, London; Mr Robert W. Adcock, Chelmsford.

No reason to allow appeal out of time

In re M (Minors: Interim care order)

Before Mr Justice Douglas Brown

[Judgment April 22]

A mother, who chose not to appeal an interim care order when it was made because the local authority proposed to allow the children to continue to live with her, did not have valid grounds for an application for leave to appeal out of time when the children were later removed from her care.

Mr Justice Douglas Brown so held in the Family Division, refusing an application by a mother for leave to appeal out of time against an interim care order made by *Blaydon Justices on March 4,* 1993 in respect of her two children.

Miss Rachel Hudson for the mother; Mr Ian Kennerley for the local authority; Miss Rachel Platts for the father of one child; Mrs Gillian Higson-Smith for the guardian *ad litem*. None of the counsel appeared below.

MR JUSTICE DOUGLAS BROWN said that the case put before the justices and accepted by them at the interim care order hearing was that poor parenting *and the risk of physical injury* resulted in the need for a care order to control the situation if, as the local authority planned, the children were for the time being to continue to live in the mother's home. It was plain to the justices, and it ought to have been plain to the mother and those advising her, *that the care order would carry* with it the power for the local authority, in appropriate circumstances, to terminate the arrangement whereby the children lived with the mother; otherwise there would have been no point in having a care order.

The mother, having consulted her solicitor, decided to let matters rest so long as the local authority continued to permit her to care for the children.

On April 8 the local authority decided that the time had come when the children had to be removed. That had triggered off an application by the mother for leave to appeal out of time.

In his Lordship's judgment where a parent deliberately chose not to challenge an interim care order but waited in effect to see what happened, she could not, seven weeks after the making of the order, turn round and say to the appeal court "I now want to appeal out of time". That was a wholly wrong procedure and the application was entirely devoid of merit.

Solicitors: Pearson & Caulfield, Newcastle upon Tyne; Mr Roger Kelly, Gateshead; Thomas Magnay & Co, Gateshead; Edward Hathaway & Co, Gateshead.

Disclosure of report is matter for court

In re G (Minors) (Welfare Report: Disclosure)

Before Lord Justice Balcombe and Sir Francis Purchas

[Judgment April 21]

Informants who made allegations against an applicant for a residence order which were incorporated by a court welfare officer into a private letter as an addendum to her reports should not have been given undertakings by the welfare officer that their *confidentiality would be respected.*

The question of full disclosure of that evidence was a matter for the judge.

The Court of Appeal so observed when allowing an appeal by the mother from the dismissal by Judge Platt at Edmonton County Court on October 13, 1992 of her application for disclosure of the letter to the mother and father in the course of proceedings seeking residence orders.

The judge ordered that the substance only of the allegations be disclosed to the parties in a document prepared by the court and signed by him.

Mr Michael Horowitz, QC and Mr John Robson for the mother; *the father was not represented and* did not appear.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, having held that the judge was wrong as a matter of law and that the Court of Appeal was therefore entitled to exercise its own discretion in the matter, said that he was fully satisfied that on a proper application of the test laid down by the House of Lords in *In re K (Infants)* ([1965] AC 201) the case was not one for the exercise of the discretion not to disclose the court welfare officer's letter.

The real problem was that the court welfare officer gave undertakings of confidentiality which his Lordship had to say should not *have been given.*

The welfare officer had also written to the court to the effect that if the court was minded to grant the application for disclosure she would wish to withdraw the letter. There again the welfare officer was under a mistake: she was not necessarily in a position to do so. Her evidence, if relevant, was compellable unless she could claim privilege.

SIR FRANCIS PURCHAS, concurring, said that the court welfare officer had apparently purported to grant to certain informants immunity which lay in the sole power of the court.

In doing so she had been in danger of finding herself on the horns of a dilemma, namely of either being in breach of an undertaking of confidentiality, or of disobeying an order of the court.

Solicitors: Clifford Warns Compton, Stoke Newington.

Successful party normally entitled to costs

Rozhon and Another v Secretary of State for Wales and Others

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment April 27]

A respondent who exercised his right to appear and be heard on an application for leave to appeal against an enforcement notice was normally entitled to his costs where his opposition to the grant of leave was successful.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for Wales from the refusal by Mr Justice Brooke in the Queen's Bench Division on May 13, 1992 to award the secretary of state his costs after he had successfully opposed an application for leave to appeal against an enforcement notice made pursuant to section 289 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by John Vincent Rozhon and Rosemary Joan Rozhon.

Mr John Howell, QC, for the secretary of state; Mr and Mrs Rozhon did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that Mr and Mrs Rozhon had sought to challenge a decision of an inspector appointed by the secretary of state dismissing their appeal against an enforcement notice in relation to the unauthorised conversion of a cowshed and milking parlour to two cottages for human habitation and a refusal of planning permission. Mr Justice Brooke refused leave but refused the secretary of state his costs.

Mr Howell submitted that the court had power to award costs having regard to section 51(1) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 which provided: "(1) . . . the costs of and incidental to all proceedings . . . shall be in the discretion of the court . . ."

Mr Howell had drawn attention to two conflicting first-instance judgments:

In R v Test Valley Borough Council, Ex parte Goodman and Another ([1992] Crown Office Digest 101) Mr Justice Hodgson had found that an application for leave to move for judicial review could not constitute "proceedings"; in *R v Commissioners of Inland Revenue, Ex parte Mead and Another* (unreported, January 19, 1993) Mr Justice Popplewell, having referred to the *Test Valley* case had reached the opposite conclusion.

However, neither judge had been referred to two Court of Appeal decisions. In *Harkness v Bell's Asbestos and Engineering Ltd* ([1967] 2 QB 729), the Court of Appeal had held that an *ex parte* application made on affidavit to correct an error under the slip rule constituted "proceedings" within Order 2, rule 1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

In *Ex parte Ewing* ([1991] 1 WLR 388), the Court of Appeal had held that an application for leave to move for judicial review constituted the institution of civil proceedings within section 42(1)(A)(a) of the 1981 Act, as inserted by section 24 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, so that a vexatious litigant required leave to make such an application.

Mr Howell submitted that there was nothing in section 51 of the 1981 Act to suggest that any different meaning should be given to "proceedings"; that the normal rule was that where a respondent exercised his right to appear at a hearing and was successful he was entitled to his costs; that the fact that the respondent had given written notice of his grounds of opposition was not a reason for depriving him of his costs; that the fact the respondent was the secretary of state was irrelevant.

Finally, Mr Howell submitted that Mr Justice Brooke's analogy between applications for leave to appeal against enforcement notices and applications for leave to move for judicial review was misconceived.

In his Lordship's judgment, Mr Justice Brooke's analogy was not valid since applications for leave in judicial review proceedings were made *ex parte*, and generally dealt without any oral hearing.

The general rule in relation to an application such as the one in the present case was that the costs of the application should follow the *event and an unsuccessful* applicant should pay the respondent's costs.

That principle was not defeated because the respondent was the secretary of state.

Different considerations might apply if there was more than one respondent.

It might be inappropriate to order an unsuccessful applicant to bear more than one set of costs if the secretary of state and the local planning authority both appeared and advanced duplicated arguments.

The appeal would be allowed.

Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Neill agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor.

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PPT Gold Com	51.19	54.46†	-0.67	...
PPT Oriental Gth	54.07	57.52†	+0.73	0.55
PPT Far East Gth	102.62	109.17†	+1.12	0.27
PPT Japan	111.66	118.79†	+0.90	..
PPT N Amer	139.87	148.59†	-2.65	0.13
PPT UK Gth	113.56	120.81	-0.07	1.91
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ				
0242 577 555				
Oriental Gp Acc	76.55	81.44	+0.45	0.97
Japanese Acc	58.79	62.54	+0.13	..
UK Balncd Inc	125.50	133.50	+0.50	2.51
-do- Acc	146.50	155.80	+0.50	2.51
UK Growth Acc	205.50	218.60	-0.60	2.21
UK High Inc	134.20	142.80	...	6.65
-do- Acc	159.60	168.70	+0.10	6.65
N America Acc	102.60	109.20	-1.80	0.36
European Acc	148.80	158.30	-1.10	0.41
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.23	63.90	-0.24	8.84
-do- Acc	97.21	103.10	-0.40	8.84
Intl Sp Sits Acc	45.54	48.45	-0.28	0.23
Environmntl Opp	71.21	75.75†	-0.01	1.46
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	103.90	110.40	+2.20	0.45
UK Smlr Cos	192.10	204.10	+1.20	1.22
Eurofund	36.51	38.66	+0.24	1.03
Mngd Exempt	163.30	170.20†	-0.10	3.08
Growth Inc	207.70	220.70	-1.70	3.85
High Dist	137.80	146.40	-0.40	5.29
International	311.90	331.40	+1.30	0.98
Intl Income	77.49	82.93†	+0.37	3.14
Pacific	55.50	58.97	+0.42	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	64.17	68.18	+0.63	...
Tokyo	196.20	208.50	+3.00	...
Japan Exempt	110.70	113.70	+2.10	0.44
Sm Jap Exempt	533.50	548.10	+1.10	0.09

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Formerly Target				
American Eagle	114.50	121.60	+2.50	1.15
Australia	6.923	7.356	-0.040	1.09
Equity	182.30	193.70	-1.10	3.61
Euro Spec Sits	137.90	146.10	+0.90	0.58
Financial	38.54	40.95	-0.06	2.96
Global Opps Inc	85.38	90.72	+1.02	2.22
-do- Acc	88.50	94.03	+1.05	2.22
Gold Gen Inc	42.54	45.20	-0.17	0.95
-do- Acc	82.14	87.27†	-0.33	0.95
Income	118.90	126.30	-0.70	3.88
Japan General	151.30	160.60	+3.00	...
Preference	21.31	22.64†	-0.02	8.02
UK Capital	101.80	108.20	-0.80	3.12
Worldwide Cap	190.80	202.70	...	3.18
World Income	80.33	85.35	+0.37	3.55
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance	170.80	181.60	...	1.11
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Pelican	101.93	107.29†	-0.91	3.43
High Income	120.19	126.52	-0.64	4.82
Tst of Inv Tsts	140.53	147.93	+0.07	2.20
Special Sits	83.50	87.89	-0.65	2.87
North American	97.73	102.87	+1.91	1.09
Far Eastern	228.97	241.02	+1.65	1.50
Intl Growth	90.05	94.79	+0.26	1.50
European	62.13	65.40	+0.27	2.22
Smaller Cos	69.69	73.36	-0.22	2.22
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE				
0273 220 707				
United Charities	218.10	231.90†	...	3.47
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414161				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	113.80	121.00	+0.30	...
High Income	24.62	25.91†	...	5.78
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	89.30	94.52	+0.13	0.91
Far Eastern	131.40	140.50	+1.50	...
Overs Income	85.49	91.60	+0.66	2.87
UK Growth	92.00	98.40	+0.76	1.34
UK Income	101.60	108.70	+0.10	3.83
US Smaller Cos	221.40	236.80	+1.80	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT				
071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	387.90	414.80	+7.80	...
-do- Acc	396.20	423.60	+7.90	...
Capital	285.80	304.00	+0.40	1.93
-do- Acc	398.10	423.40	+0.50	1.93
Conti Smllr Cos	46.72	50.37	+0.23	0.93
-do- Acc	48.34	52.12	+0.25	0.93
Convertible	112.10	119.20	+0.10	6.53
-do- Acc	207.50	220.70	+0.20	6.53
European	94.32	100.80	+0.10	0.90
-do- Acc	97.46	104.10	+0.10	0.90
Extra Income	288.30	306.60	-0.30	4.14
-do- Acc	403.70	429.40	-0.40	4.14
Financial	100.20	107.50†	+0.90	0.59
-do- Acc	104.90	112.70†	-1.00	0.59
Health Fund Inc	103.60	110.60	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	103.60	110.60	+3.10	...
Income Tst	177.40	188.70	-0.10	3.68
-do- Acc	247.30	263.00	-0.20	3.68
Intl Growth	292.80	312.90	+3.90	..
-do- Acc	325.20	347.40	+4.20	...
Japan Gen	165.60	177.00	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	167.20	178.70	+1.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	88.09	92.72†	+0.28	1.04
-do- Acc	92.34	97.20†	+0.30	1.04
Monthly Income	147.60	157.00†	+0.30	4.11
Recovery	278.10	297.40	+2.00	0.70
-do- Acc	325.70	348.30	+2.30	0.70
Gilt Gth Tst	60.23	62.11†	+0.08	6.49
-do- Acc	77.79	80.22†	+0.12	6.49
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH				
Dealing: 0722 411411				
Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	344.69	366.69	+1.19	2.90
-do- Acc	695.96	740.38	+2.40	2.90
Euro Gth Dist	102.36	108.89	-0.59	0.79
-do- Acc	105.42	112.15	-0.59	0.79
Fixed Int Dist	128.56	137.08†	-0.42	6.37
-do- Acc	217.66	230.23†	-0.70	6.37
Intl Gth Dist	73.71	78.41	+0.29	0.82
-do- Acc	76.24	81.11	+0.31	0.82
Nth Amer Dist	156.32	165.61	+2.41	0.94
-do- Acc	169.52	179.60	+2.62	0.94
Pac Basin Dist	233.56	248.47	+1.51	0.29
-do- Acc	237.24	252.38	+1.53	0.29
Stewardship Dist	294.53	317.59	-1.11	1.88
-do- Acc	353.20	375.74	-1.33	1.88
Swd Inc Dist	62.61	66.61	+0.21	3.48
-do- Acc	76.71	81.61	+0.26	3.48
N Am Stwd Dist	88.59	94.24	+0.71	..
-do- Acc	93.71	99.69	+0.75	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	127.80	136.70†	+1.10	...
European	389.50	414.80	+1.30	1.02
Far East General	214.00	228.90	+1.20	0.31
Germany	95.42	101.00	-0.80	0.45
Global Assets In	65.75	70.16	+0.39	2.30
Global Assets Ac	68.89	73.52	+0.41	2.27
Income Inc	116.10	124.20	-0.30	7.08
International	252.00	269.30	+1.20	1.04
Intl Income	75.89	80.72	+0.35	4.94
Japan	347.40	369.10†	+2.80	...
Japan General	273.40	292.40	+2.90	...
Smllr Cos Dis	46.42	49.65	+0.25	6.12
UK Capital Inc	159.80	170.90	...	3.90
-do- Acc	273.40	292.40	...	3.83
UK Spec Sits	71.90	76.90	+0.14	1.66
US General	106.10	113.10	+1.30	0.12
W wide Spec Sits	111.60	119.40	+0.30	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212				
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	43.37	46.39	-0.03	1.66
Cash Trust*	128.30	128.30	+0.01	5.60
Pract Inv Inc	100.41	107.68†	+0.25	4.05
-do- Acc	215.56	231.16†	+0.52	4.05
UK Smaller Cos	96.74	103.74	+0.42	1.22
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.83	26.56†	+0.08	7.98
High Inc	31.12	33.28	+0.05	5.03
UK Equity Inc	126.19	134.96	-0.33	3.93
Global Bond	28.47	29.50†	+0.06	5.86
International Funds				
Gold Intl	72.85	78.12	-0.20	1.25
Frontier Markets	38.74	41.54†	+0.07	0.43
Global Inc Gth	113.70	121.36†	+1.24	2.27
UK Intl	108.01	115.52	+0.44	0.56
Overseas Funds				
American	119.26	127.08	+2.75	0.51
European	78.83	83.58	-0.02	0.69
Euro Sel Opps	91.05	97.05	+0.24	0.86
American Emerg	71.24	76.40	+1.54	...
Hong Kong	108.45	116.30	+2.68	1.99
Japan	210.53	224.08	+4.12	...
Pacific Growth	145.40	155.92	+1.65	0.45

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GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979				
Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	119.84	128.17	+0.41	0.37
American Gth	109.40	117.01	+1.48	...
European Gth	65.52	69.99	-0.59	0.42
German Hortzn	..	..	..	..
Japan Gth	74.58	79.77	+0.45	...
Pacific Inc	133.17	142.42	+0.95	2.95
Pacific Strategy	112.41	120.22	+0.42	0.25
UK Prog Inc	72.43	76.31	-0.57	4.61
Gr British Cos	48.23	50.80	+0.18	2.70
UK Small Cos	45.07	48.20†	-1.09	2.12
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE				
071 538 9668				
Cash	130.90	130.90†	...	4.91
Gilt Fixed	119.30	126.60	+0.50	6.51
Growth Equity	283.90	303.30	+1.20	2.09
Guardhill	416.90	445.40	+1.20	2.36
Income Trust	107.80	115.10	+0.30	3.40
International	149.80	160.00†	+1.20	..
Japan Trust	119.00	127.10	...	...
Nth American	234.20	250.30†	+3.40	0.49
Pacific	355.80	380.10†	-1.00	...
European	331.40	354.00	-1.10	0.58
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW				
0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	34.16	36.21	+0.20	1.85
-do- Acc	35.75	37.90	+0.20	1.85
Inc Adv Inc	28.99	30.73†	-0.10	4.20
-do- Acc	30.14	31.95	...	4.20
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227300				
Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	69.77	74.74	-1.07	0.95
Equity Income	112.00	119.10	+0.10	3.38
European	128.80	136.40†	-1.00	0.89
Intl Situation	71.92	76.51	+0.10	..
Japanese	137.00	145.40	+0.70	..
North American	92.51	98.15	+1.23	...
Scandinavian	106.00	112.10	-1.10	0.45
Smaller Cos	29.31	31.18	+0.07	2.05
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET				
Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	81.82	87.50†	+0.83	...
Asian Enterprise	121.28	130.94	+1.26	0.73
Australian	132.10	141.20†	-0.74	1.27
European	354.79	375.42†	+1.69	1.38
European Inc	67.64	71.60	+0.34	3.14
Euro Sml Co	118.26	126.71	-0.57	0.70
Extra Income	254.61	271.05†	-0.42	4.45
Family of Funds	67.98	72.57	-0.08	1.30
Fixed Interest	54.99	58.80†	+0.10	8.01
Global Resour	91.08	97.76	-0.22	0.86
High Inc	279.55	298.83†	-0.07	4.24
Income Gth	234.46	249.69	+0.09	3.35
-do- Acc	590.00	628.34	+0.22	3.35
International	219.71	234.09†	-2.27	0.86
Japan Spc Sit	226.53	241.05	+3.96	...
Japan	194.88	207.12	+3.92	...
N Amer	204.96	218.10	+4.65	0.21
Pacific Smllr Cos	172.90	186.09†	+2.83	0.41
Pref Gilt	45.09	49.00†	+0.08	8.39
Smaller Cos Div	158.12	172.34†	+0.69	3.98
Special Sits	255.43	273.30	+0.19	1.94
-do- Acc	393.59	421.13	+0.29	1.94
Best of British	54.41	58.32	-0.09	2.32
Spirit of the East	57.23	61.24†	-0.55	0.42
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
081 686 4355				
British	86.44	92.44	-0.30	2.45
Capital	152.70	163.30	+1.40	2.01
Dollar	283.20	302.80	-6.90	0.08
European	187.10	200.10	-0.40	0.60
Far East	223.20	238.70	+3.30	0.52
Financial	662.30	708.20†	+0.40	2.52
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.29	26.27	+0.06	8.12
High Yield	98.65	105.50	-0.10	4.78
Income	133.20	142.40	-0.40	3.71
Intl	204.00	218.10	+2.40	0.28
Japan Tech	67.06	71.72	-1.25	...
Nat Resources	54.75	58.55	-0.11	0.73
Security	290.90	311.10†	...	2.16
Smaller Cos	106.70	114.10†	...	1.53
Special Sits	135.80	145.20†	+2.10	1.95
US Smaller Cos	57.52	61.51	+1.59	..
IBI FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN				
071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	235.70	248.10	-0.40	1.47
Capital Gwth	100.20	105.50	..	2.51
Inv Trusts	...	...	...	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR				
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	23.67	25.94	+0.06	1.60
Special Features	26.43	28.08†	+0.01	1.45
-do- Acc	31.21	33.16†	-0.02	1.45
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.86	55.57	-0.03	1.93
Assets Earnings	69.08	73.39	-0.31	1.87
do Acc	81.18	86.25	-0.36	1.87
Managed Invest	83.36	89.12	+0.78	1.22
Rupert Children	73.57	78.46†	-0.25	1.68
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.44	50.44	+0.01	4.43
Extra Inc	77.60	83.16	-0.11	4.55
Gilt	27.76	29.22	+0.08	6.61
Income Gth	37.73	40.34†	-0.14	3.57
MIMstar	74.52	79.29†	+0.11	7.96
Preference	17.71	19.37	-0.01	6.16
UK Income	300.40	321.10†	-0.90	3.08
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	54.10	57.48	-0.03	1.33
Property Shares	59.39	63.10†	..	2.12
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	141.60	149.00	-0.30	3.54
European Acc	105.90	112.20	+0.40	1.90
European Dist	100.80	106.80	+0.40	1.80
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	45.94	48.84†	+1.04	1.05
European Perf	104.80	111.20	+0.40	1.09
-do- Acc	106.70	113.20	+0.30	1.09
Euro Small Cos	20.43	21.75	...	0.74
French Growth	65.10	69.26	+0.46	0.42
-do- Acc	69.55	73.99	+0.49	0.41
Hong K/China	66.23	71.14	+1.63	1.73
Intl Growth	48.58	51.61	-0.56	0.77
-do- Acc	48.58	51.61	+0.56	0.77
Japan Perf	33.60	35.69	+0.78	...
Accum Units	33.60	35.69	+0.78	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.89	36.03	+0.46	...
Singapore Asean	73.30	79.45	+0.89	0.42
-do- Acc	73.76	79.94	+0.89	0.42
South East Asia	215.90	233.00†	+3.20	1.04
US Smllr Cos	96.30	102.30	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	97.33	103.40	+1.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	80.49	85.68	+0.91	2.60
Intl Bond	55.60	56.37	+0.18	6.37
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3				
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.19	69.53†	+0.01	5.12
Extra Income	50.91	53.20†	-1.15	6.88
Gth Yield	117.60	124.00†	-0.20	7.43
Global Income	100.30	102.50	-1.85	4.33
High Yield	128.30	136.50†	-0.85	6.06

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Smllr Cos Div	46.14	49.08	.	4.44
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	83.50	88.83	+1.23	...
North American	69.77	74.22	+2.08	0.43
European	125.80	133.80	-0.60	0.87
Euro Special	76.00	80.85	+0.26	0.95
General	255.70	272.00	-2.00	3.28
Japan	389.00	413.80†	+3.90	...
Japanese Special	207.10	220.30†	+2.30	...
Manes Acc	206.90	220.10	+0.80	1.40
Pacific	251.20	267.20†	+2.30	0.60
Smaller Cos	95.64	101.70	+0.12	2.06
UK Equity Gth	34.58	36.79	-0.17	1.77
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB				
031 550 5151				
European	70.86	75.38	-0.42	0.90
Extra Income	23.53	25.03†	+0.12	3.29
Far East	25.42	27.04†	+0.02	0.97
Income Gwth	71.23	75.78	+0.23	2.93
Intl Growth	49.53	52.69†	+0.46	0.77
Japan	61.50	65.43	+0.13	...
Maximum Dist*	99.31	101.30†	+0.10	8.73
N Amer Equity	35.96	38.26	+0.61	0.50
UK Equity	84.87	90.29†	+0.28	2.95
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.51	55.86	-0.10	4.48
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex				
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	414.50	441.00	+0.80	2.93
Equity Acc	786.90	837.10	+1.50	2.93
Equity Income	89.81	95.54	+1.02	5.17
European	91.31	97.35	-0.14	1.76
Far Eastern	173.90	185.00	+2.10	0.31
Fixed Interest	50.96	54.21†	+0.09	6.44
Gilt	89.38	94.78†	+0.36	6.49
Global Growth	62.66	66.65	+0.45	0.78
Intl Bond	54.07	57.52	-0.06	4.94
Japanese	66.87	71.14	-0.92	...
Overseas Equity	90.69	96.48	+0.48	0.82
Pacific Gth	81.39	86.56†	+0.33	1.29
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF				
0634 834313				
Balanced	310.30	330.20	+0.40	2.83
-do- Acc	672.10	715.00	+0.90	2.83
Conti Euro Gth	48.68	51.25	-0.42	1.52
-do- Acc	51.48	54.19	-0.45	1.52
Extra Inc	234.00	249.00	-2.80	3.76
-do- Acc	568.80	605.20	-7.10	3.76
German Gth	97.33	102.50	-1.50	0.34
-do- Acc	102.10	107.50	-1.60	0.34
Growth Port	477.60	507.80	+0.70	1.13
-do- Acc	477.60	507.80	+0.70	1.13
Income	437.10	465.10†	+7.40	3.53
-do- Acc	1122.0	1194.0	+18.00	3.53
Income Port	479.50	510.20†	+0.80	4.09
-do- Acc	484.10	515.10	+0.80	4.09
Japan Growth	89.78	95.52	-0.38	0.01
-do- Acc	90.09	95.85	-0.39	0.01
Master Trust	50.50	53.73	-0.01	1.51
-do- Acc	54.93	58.44	-0.01	1.51
N American Gen	163.50	174.00	-2.90	0.01
-do- Acc	188.90	201.00	+3.40	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	120.00	127.70	-1.00	0.01
-do- Acc	122.50	130.40	-1.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	193.90	206.30	-1.00	0.57
-do- Acc	204.90	218.00	+1.00	0.57
Small Cos Rec	305.60	321.70†	+0.70	2.19
-do- Acc	397.90	418.90	-0.80	2.19
UK Growth	77.50	82.45	+0.14	2.28
-do- Acc	90.36	96.15	+0.16	2.28
Worldwide Gth	263.30	280.20	-3.80	0.30
-do- Acc	388.10	412.90	-5.50	0.30
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 282673				
General	76.33	81.90	+0.12	3.00
Income	58.87	63.16†	+0.13	5.80
International	54.37	58.23	+0.46	0.80
American	54.89	58.90	+1.02	0.40
Japan	51.03	54.75	+0.49	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	53.68	57.60†	+0.21	2.10
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB				
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	359.40	379.50	+7.40	0.65
-do- Acc	443.40	468.30	+9.10	0.85
American Rec	378.40	400.30†	+3.30	0.21
-do- Acc	433.60	458.60	+3.80	0.21
Am Sm Co Acc	106.40	112.50	+1.50	0.06
Australia Acc	144.80	153.10	-1.90	1.31
Capital	642.60	679.50	-1.60	2.63
-do- Acc	704.00	749.80	-1.80	2.63
Commodity Acc	403.40	426.60	+1.80	0.76
Compnd Gth	804.70	851.10	+3.70	2.91
Dividend	34.80	36.80	+0.20	4.20
-do- Acc	135.40	143.20	+0.80	4.20
Equity Inc	288.40	305.00	+1.80	4.80
European Div	57.40	60.70	..	4.35
-do- Acc	64.90	68.60	..	4.35
European Gen	369.30	390.50	-1.60	1.70
-do- Acc	461.40	487.80	-2.30	1.70
Extra Yield	370.30	391.60†	+2.10	4.26
-do- Acc	1082.7	1145.1	+6.10	4.26
Far Eastern	281.10	297.30	+3.70	0.76
-do- Acc	369.80	391.10	+4.90	0.76
Fund of Inv	484.40	512.30	-1.70	2.27
-do- Acc	874.20	924.40	-3.00	2.27
General	52.60	55.60	+0.30	3.58
-do- Acc	138.50	146.60	+0.90	3.58
Gilt Fxd Int	61.80	61.80	+0.20	7.94
do Acc	152.70	152.80	+0.60	7.94
Gold	45.30	48.00	-0.60	1.22
-do- Acc	53.00	56.20	-1.00	1.22
High Inc	24.60	26.00	+0.10	4.55
-do- Acc	91.00	96.30	+0.40	4.55
Intl Growth	65.80	69.70	+0.80	0.90
-do- Acc	113.40	120.10	+1.30	0.90
Intl Inc	88.20	93.30†	+0.30	4.69
Japan Gen Acc	47.50	50.20	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	139.20	147.10	+0.60	...
Midland	51.90	54.90†	...	3.63
-do- Acc	166.10	175.70	...	3.63
Recovery	35.70	37.80	+0.10	2.76
-do- Acc	56.10	59.50	+0.20	2.76
Second Gen	59.60	63.00	+0.30	3.59
-do- Acc	145.70	154.10	+0.50	3.59
Smaller Cos	57.40	60.70	+0.10	3.30
-do- Acc	108.80	115.00	+0.20	3.30
Trustee	37.80	40.00†	+0.10	3.86
Charibond 3	‡111.77	...	-0.40	9.64
Charifund 2	625.50	631.80	+2.90	5.18
Pension ex 1	851.20	872.50	+3.80	4.15
NAACIF Inc 3	‡45.75	...	...	7.78
-do- Acc 3	‡1080.7	...	-0.50	7.79
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG				
0244 680064				
Inv Port Inc	132.10	141.30	+0.36	2.10
-do- Acc	146.70	156.90	+0.36	2.10
UK Income	111.10	118.80	-0.08	2.76
-do- Acc	123.90	132.50	-0.08	2.76
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	74.04	79.18	+0.45	0.86
Far East (Pacific)	130.60	138.60	-1.10	0.68
Income Growth	70.34	74.67	-0.73	4.25
European	64.33	68.29	-0.19	1.33
Nth American	53.28	56.56	+0.81	1.17
UK Growth	73.23	77.73	-1.18	1.66
Intl Growth	88.58	94.03†	+0.66	0.59
Charities	108.40	115.00	+0.60	4.05

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	66.14	70.21†	+0.17	4.56
Japan	50.45	53.55†	+0.01	0.06
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	174.30	184.90	+2.50	..
-do- Acc	186.30	197.60	+2.70	...
Cash	100.20	100.20†	...	5.66
-do- Acc	128.90	128.90†	...	5.66
European Gth	184.30	195.30	-1.10	0.82
-do- Acc	197.30	209.00	-1.30	0.82
General	450.00	480.00†	-0.60	2.53
-do- Acc	856.00	913.10†	-1.30	2.53
Global Dist	126.60	135.10†	+0.20	5.40
-do- Acc	143.90	151.20†	-0.30	5.40
Income	135.70	144.60	-0.10	4.71
-do- Acc	198.60	211.60	-0.20	4.71
International	367.30	391.10	+5.10	0.71
-do- Acc	487.10	518.70	+6.70	0.71
Japan	169.80	180.10	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	174.30	185.00	-0.20	...
New Europe	131.60	140.40	+0.40	1.85
-do- Acc	133.70	142.70	+0.30	1.85
Recovery	287.50	306.70	+0.90	2.93
-do- Acc	363.40	387.70	+0.90	2.93
European Inc	70.97	75.31	-0.36	3.24
-do- Acc	90.04	95.53	-0.47	3.24
Brit Blue Chip	70.76	75.32†	+0.23	3.35
-do- Acc	83.45	88.84†	+0.28	3.35
Portfolio	71.87	76.36†	-0.17	2.97
-do- Acc	81.73	86.83†	+0.19	2.97
Gold General	92.71	99.69	-1.01	0.94
-do- Acc	93.93	101.00	-1.00	0.94
Pacific	86.25	92.00	+0.72	0.91
-do- Acc	91.17	97.25	+0.76	0.91
UK Smaller Cos	50.40	53.77†	+0.19	2.10
-do- Acc	56.25	60.00†	+0.21	2.10
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD				
Dealing: 0742 520 200				
Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	55.57	59.43†	-0.10	3.37
-do- Acc	56.41	60.33	-0.10	3.37
British Dist	74.74	79.94	-0.06	2.44
-do- Acc	84.62	90.50	-0.06	2.44
European Gth	160.70	171.70	+0.20	0.16
-do- Acc	201.70	215.50	+0.20	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.90	71.55†	+0.01	6.71
-do- Acc	117.60	125.80	-0.10	6.71
FT-SE 100 Index	47.11	50.38	-0.04	2.97
-do- Acc	47.11	50.38	-0.04	2.97
Gilt Fixed Int	55.70	57.99	+0.11	7.10
-do- Acc	146.50	152.50	+0.20	7.10
High Yield	214.50	229.40	-0.20	5.11
-do- Acc	492.30	526.50	-0.30	5.11
Income	271.10	289.90	-0.80	3.84
-do- Acc	563.40	602.60	-1.80	3.84
Japan Gth	327.50	350.30	+4.60	...
-do- Acc	345.70	369.70	+4.90	...
Mandarin Acc	92.72	99.17	+0.93	1.65
North American	154.80	165.60	+4.00	0.56
-do- Acc	194.60	208.10	+4.90	0.56
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT				
Dealing: 071 826 0526				
Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	235.70	251.10	+3.60	...
Deposit Inc	100.11	100.11	-0.01	5.27
Deposit Acc	122.07	122.07	-0.01	5.27
Euro Gth Acc	256.90	274.20	-1.00	...
Europa	117.10	126.10	-1.60	...
Intl Gth	159.30	170.10	-1.10	...
Japan Tracker	72.16	76.39	-0.22	...
UK Equity Inc	143.50	154.60†	-0.30	4.25
-do- Acc	175.90	189.40†	-0.30	4.25
UK Ind Tracker	138.40	149.10	-0.30	3.25
US Eq Ind Trkr	177.60	188.20†	+3.20	1.54
-do- Acc	187.90	199.10†	+3.40	1.54
Asian Trader	144.70	157.00†	-0.60	0.50
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	152.40	156.00	+0.90	2.46
European	55.90	60.23	+0.06	0.92
Olympiad	51.14	52.47	-0.30	6.69
Global Bond	40.67	47.19	-0.16	6.55
Smaller Cos	63.67	66.43	+0.01	1.24
Equity Income	91.11	95.55†	-0.02	5.14
UK Growth	50.97	53.29†	-0.18	2.08
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222				
Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	43.42	46.21	-0.75	0.57
Australian Acc	287.80	304.50	-3.60	..
Conscience	61.54	65.99	-0.02	1.06
-do- Acc	66.41	73.97	-0.02	1.09
European	159.40	170†	-1.30	1.14
-do- Acc	171.50	182.90	-1.00	1.14
Extra Income	71.70	75.84	-0.32	5.85
-do- Acc	107.40	114.60	-0.50	5.85
Far East Gth	153.50	164	+2.40	0.14
Gilt Fxd Inc	57.30	60.65	-0.15	6.53
Gold	34.65	37.25	-1.11	...
-do- Acc	37.37	40.11	-1.20	...
Income	51.19	54.60	-0.09	5.15
-do- Acc	153.50	163.70	-0.30	5.15
International	27.77	29.72	+0.45	1.14
-do- Acc	39.52	42.70	+0.64	1.14
Jap Sm Cos Acc	301.20	321.20	+4.10	...
S pore Mly Acc	162	173.70	+0.90	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.49	28.26	-0.02	2.09
Special Sits	31.51	33.59†	-0.02	1.80
-do- Acc	36.24	38.46	-0.02	1.80
Tokyo	80.75	86.13	-0.92	...
-do- Acc	81.56	86.99	-0.93	...
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF				
061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	65.99	70.21	-0.10	2.96
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.76	77.00	-0.07	7.54
N&P Higher Inc	189.50	201.70	-0.20	4.93
N&P UK Income	99.64	106.01	-0.22	4.10
N&P Intl	83.97	89.33†	-0.18	1.98
N&P Smaller Cos	73.69	78.43†	-0.19	1.66
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA				
071 407 4404				
General	154.80	164.69†	+0.42	2.33
Global	264.80	281.71†	+1.49	1.14
Growth	103.41	110.02†	-0.27	2.55
Income	193.24	205.58†	-0.51	4.40
Intl Bond	122.37	129.81†	-0.22	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR				
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	136.30	143.40	-0.30	2.52
-do- Acc	236.00	248.40	-0.60	2.52
Income	211.60	225.00†	+0.10	3.59
Intl Equity	211.30	224.50	-0.80	0.99
-do- Acc	231.20	245.90	-0.90	0.99
Equity	213.00	226.60	-0.90	2.39
-do- Acc	431.60	459.30	-1.00	2.39
UK Intl 25 Acc	67.10	71.38	-0.20	1.95
UK Income	58.88	62.64	-0.05	3.46
UK Smllr Co Acc	70.83	75.35	-0.24	1.52
New Europe Acc	58.31	62.03	-0.35	1.44
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames				
0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	85.70	91.66	+1.02	0.22
PEP Gth Inc	94.77	101.36	+0.69	1.11
Intl Gth	451.52	482.91	-4.40	0.76
Income	285.49	305.34†	-1.66	3.52
W wide Recov	286.30	306.21	+3.49	0.58
American Gth	185.30	198.19	+2.94	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	171.76	183.71	+1.00	0.05
Far East Gth	202.34	216.41	+2.00	0.01

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	107.72	115.22	+0.38	1.18
UK Growth	73.88	79.02	-0.12	3.04
High Income	79.96	85.45	-0.46	4.56
Japanese Gth	201.30	214.29	+3.06	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 25 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	164.50	174.80†	+1.50	0.91
High Income	106.20	113.00†	-0.20	3.74
Conv Gilt	109.70	115.10	-0.10	6.43
Far East	284.80	303.00†	+2.90	0.40
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	45.07	49.54	+0.65	0.60
Emerging Mkts	59.39	63.30	+0.31	0.25
General	46.14	49.09	-0.09	3.49
International	79.78	84.87	+0.68	1.34
Gilt Units	25.37	26.15	+0.01	8.14
Global PEP	33.56	35.70	+0.12	2.19
Income Gth	65.04	67.00	-0.20	5.25
European	41.07	43.69	+0.22	1.21
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.41	27.03†	+0.04	8.15
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL				
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490				
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314				
Pricebank: 0426 925001				
Pru Mngd Tst**	29.97	31.94	-0.22	1.63
Pru Csh Hern Inc	101.70	101.70†	-0.01	5.46
-do- Acc	104.78	104.79	-0.01	5.46
Pru Equity	636.21	660.43†	-0.99	2.49
Pru Equity Inc	76.45	83.90	-0.27	4.59
Pru European	164.84	176.29	-0.73	1.91
Pru Global Gth	78.03	81.31	-0.41	1.56
Pru High Inc	84.54	90.41†	-0.30	5.09
Pru Intl	152.70	163.31	-1.63	1.33
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.05	66.50†	-0.57	0.94
Pru Japanese	190.84	204.10†	+2.40	...
Pru Nth Amer	131.69	140.84	-3.04	0.50
Pru Pacific Mkt	70.99	75.92	-0.84	1.88
Pru Premr Inc	48.75	50.76†	+0.16	7.54
Pru Smllr Cos	80.61	86.21†	+0.11	2.01
Pru Spec Sits	95.29	101.91	+0.02	2.27
Pru UK Grwth	106.45	113.85†	-0.04	2.38
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR				
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
NC Income	150.97	162.46	-0.09	3.65
NC Japan	260.25	278.94	+2.06	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.25	98.14	-0.10	2.45
NC America Inc	437.18	469.24	+4.48	0.91
-do- Acc	507.74	545.05	+5.21	0.91
NC Smlr UK Cos	251.79	274.72†	+1.22	1.54
NC European	241.25	257.57	-1.49	1.36
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708 766966 or 0800 829829 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	67.74	72.06†	+0.40	4.05
Capital Units	138.70	147.50	-1.10	1.42
Commodity	95.26	101.30	-0.40	1.29
European Gth	143.90	153.00	-0.60	1.39
Financial Sec	165.40	175.90	+1.70	1.91
High Return	209.10	222.40	-0.30	4.59
High Yield	200.90	213.70†	+1.50	3.75
Income Units	107.80	114.60	-0.30	4.80
Investment	166.00	176.50†	-0.80	1.13
Japan Gth	143.30	152.40	+1.30	...
Japan Smaller	169.90	180.70†	..	..
Masterfund	44.18	47.00	+0.38	0.96
Scotbits	240.50	255.80	+2.30	1.65
Scotshares	252.40	268.50	+2.20	2.75
Scotyields	218.20	232.10	-1.00	3.99
Select Intl	122.20	130.00†	+0.70	0.76
Smaller Cos	217.40	231.20†	-0.20	4.16
Special Situation	109.30	116.20	+0.70	0.73
UK Equity	218.40	232.30	+0.80	2.88
US Growth	127.50	135.60	-2.40	0.42
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	220.71	235.42	+5.15	0.59
-do- Acc	238.44	254.33	+5.57	0.59
Australian	126.90	135.36	-1.46	0.88
-do- Acc	149.19	159.13	-1.72	0.88
UK Enterprise	203.20	216.74†	-1.19	2.62
-do- Acc	234.73	250.38	-1.38	2.62
European Gth	58.27	62.15†	+0.14	1.32
-do- Acc	60.32	64.34	+0.15	1.32
Euro Smllr Cos	54.63	55.27†	+0.11	0.35
-do- Acc	55.01	58.67	+0.12	0.35
Far Eastern Gth	66.06	70.48	+1.47	...
-do- Acc	67.15	71.62	+1.50	...
Fixed Interest	51.43	54.25†	-0.01	8.70
-do- Acc	62.46	65.88	-0.01	8.70
Gilt Income	101.21	106.67†	-0.31	8.55
-do- Acc	141.36	148.97†	-0.45	8.55
Income	296.49	318.92†	-1.91	4.07
-do- Acc	881.93	940.72	-5.63	4.07
Japan Enterprise	64.37	68.66†	+1.36	..
-do- Acc	64.37	68.66	+1.36	..
Japan Smllr Cos	422.04	450.17†	+9.74	..
-do- Acc	422.88	451.07	+9.76	..
Pacific Gth	87.28	93.09	+0.61	0.46
-do- Acc	89.87	95.85	+0.66	0.46
Smaller Cos	182.72	194.90†	-0.12	1.05
-do- Acc	209.41	223.37	-0.13	1.05
Tokyo	100.92	107.64†	+1.46	...
-do- Acc	101.94	108.73	+1.48	...
UK Equity	199.78	213.09†	-1.43	2.77
-do- Acc	369.96	394.63	-2.65	2.77
US Smllr Cos	121.09	129.16	+0.86	..
-do- Acc	121.09	129.16	+0.86	..
World Fd	67.37	71.86	-0.08	1.70
-do- Acc	71.03	75.76	-0.09	1.70
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	43.35	46.17	-0.05	4.43
Equity Strategy	63.19	67.30	-0.01	1.20
European Opps	69.02	73.51	-0.52	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.60	101.15	+0.02	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	50.02	53.27	-0.04	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	335.70	358.50	-0.10	2.82
American	226.20	240.10	+5.30	0.97
Pacific	314.70	336.60	+3.10	0.67
European	434.90	465.10	-0.40	1.22
Worldwide	75.86	81.12	+0.61	1.21
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity	296.50	315.50	+1.00	2.61
UK Sm Cos Eqty	198.90	211.60	-0.30	1.90
European	315.00	335.20†	-3.30	2.13
North American	229.30	244.00†	+4.40	0.57
Income Plus Inc	64.01	68.10†	-0.23	3.70
UK Spec Sits	66.18	70.41†	+0.15	2.22
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA				
031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	24.81	26.55†	+0.04	2.99
Intl Growth Acc	27.66	29.61†	+0.02	1.23
Global Inc Acc	30.34	32.37	+0.05	3.84
Market Ldrs Acc	25.55	27.35	...	2.91
SG TOUCHE REMNANT				
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	75.35	80.58†	+1.43	...
Euro Spec Sits	43.79	46.55†	+0.32	..
-do- Acc	46.36	49.29	+0.34	...
Far East Opps	30.14	32.44	+0.45	...
-do- Acc	30.97	33.33	+0.46	...

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.10	[illegible]
Global Tech	106.70	114.50	+1.30	
Income Growth	101.20	107.60	-0.28	3.48
Income Monthly	[illegible]	61.16	+0.16	4.20
Japan Growth	[illegible]	53.03	+0.04	
Overseas Gth	[illegible]	75.02	+0.03	
Smaller Cos	[illegible]	76.51†	+0.28	1.65
Special Opps	101.10	107.60	-0.40	2.15
Wld Spec Sits	44.64	47.15	+0.39	
-do- Acc	44.74	48.26	+0.38	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
Europe In	204.34		...	..
Global Bond	102.01		..	7.50
Japan Samurai	[illegible]		..	..
UK Growth	204.34		..	4.30
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
0800 393777				
Managed	42.55	45.21	+0.20	1.66
Equity Gth Acc	57.76	61.37	+0.20	1.48
UK Eq General	41.01	43.58†	+0.10	2.41
-do- Acc	54.22	57.61	+0.10	2.41
European Acc	39.65	42.13	-0.10	1.20
Far East Acc	52.46	55.70	+0.70	0.37
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.87	31.59†	-0.10	6.76
N American Acc	39.80	42.29	+0.60	0.08
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	250.90	252.00	+4.00	1.59
UK Eq High Inc	34.56	36.72†	..	4.03
-do- Acc	41.05	43.62	+0.10	4.03
UK Lgr Cos Inc	283.10	307.20†	+0.40	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Acc	366.00	400.00	-0.50	3.85
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$2.57	NZ$3.79	+0.006	1.13
US Eq	$2.042	$2.199	-0.041	0.80
Far East Eq	Y244.3	Y250.5	+259.5	9.50
Japan Eq	Y250.2	Y254.1	+4.30	...
FT Europe	108.40	115.10	-2.50	2.20
FT North Am	$1.677	$1.790	-0.025	1.09
FT Japan	Y229.2	Y254.1	-10.20	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.851	$1.966	+2.50	1.72
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh				
031 226 3271				
American	315.00	335.10	+5.50	0.32
British	910.60	963.40	-1.80	4.36
European	379.00	403.60	-0.30	1.17
Japan	137.70	144.20	-0.90	...
New Pacific	274.90	292.70	-4.40	1.34
Mngd Cash	95.03	95.03†	+0.01	4.85
Majority Stlg	94.80	100.80†	+0.01	4.03
Inv Tst	177.50	189.10	-2.10	1.89
Saints PPP	366.90	386.20		
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex				
0277 227300				
Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	707.20	756.40	-0.90	2.73
N American Acc	104.50	111.80	+2.50	0.08
Far East Acc	116.20	124.40	+1.20	..
W wide Bond	58.57	62.18†	-0.13	5.51
European	79.19	84.70	+0.10	0.20
Equity Income	50.25	55.83	-0.16	3.60
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ				
Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	31.95	34.07	-0.61	0.19
Managed Assets	115.11	123.12	-0.64	3.30
UK Income	35.91	39.31	+0.06	3.04
UK Growth	35.42	37.89	-0.17	2.15
Worldwide Gth	29.35	31.40	+0.16	0.48
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE				
0264 346794				
American	188.43	201.46	+4.34	0.01
-do- Acc	206.97	220.19	+4.78	0.01
British Gth	82.13	87.37†	-0.10	1.86
-do- Acc	96.63	102.90†	-0.12	1.86
European	90.41	96.19	+0.53	0.84
-do- Acc	95.37	101.46	+0.56	0.84
Extra Inc	181.06	192.62	+3.36	3.84
-do- Acc	288.84	307.28	+5.36	3.84
General Unit	252.87	269.01	-0.62	2.50
-do- Acc	498.97	530.82	-1.21	2.50
Income	318.20	338.51	+4.32	3.40
-do- Acc	648.13	689.50	+8.82	3.40
International	456.50	485.64†	+3.96	0.51
-do- Acc	597.57	635.72†	+5.19	0.51
Pacific	319.07	339.44	+4.48	..
-do- Acc	334.16	355.49	+4.69	..
Premier Income	49.90	51.98†	+0.04	6.60
-do- Acc	104.04	108.38†	+0.10	6.60
Nat Resources	101.29	107.76†	+0.05	0.59
-do- Acc	111.10	118.19†	-0.05	0.59
Selected Opps	93.10	99.04†	-0.11	1.11
-do- Acc	116.56	124.00†	-0.13	1.11
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF				
071 493 7262				
Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	71.47	76.23	+7.49	...
-do- Acc	73.72	78.63	+7.73	..
Cash	50.39	50.39†	+0.01	6.25
-do- Acc	61.54	61.54†	...	6.25
European Opps	58.92	62.77	+0.39	0.47
-do- Acc	59.54	63.43	+0.40	0.47
Far East Opps	143.56	153.15†	+1.44	..
-do- Acc	146.94	156.73†	+1.48	..
Gold/Nat. Res	41.31	44.06	-0.08	...
-do- Acc	42.50	45.33	-0.09	...
Japan	78.07	83.09†	+0.71	..
-do- Acc	78.07	83.09†	+0.71	..
Little Dragons	64.03	68.29†	+0.79	0.73
-do- Acc	66.03	70.43†	+0.81	0.73
Oriental Income	41.07	43.80†	+0.21	3.63
-do- Acc	52.45	55.94†	+0.26	3.63
Tiger	200.82	214.20	+2.30	1.23
-do- Acc	211.54	225.64	+2.42	1.23
UK Small Cos	70.25	75.13	+0.39	2.12
-do- Acc	81.96	87.65	+0.46	2.12
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ				
031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	14.72	15.66	-0.19	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.84	31.74	+0.19	0.60
Canadian Gth	34.72	36.93	+0.10	..
Global Bond	$0.974	$1.014	-0.012	7.34
Penny Share	21.77	23.15	+0.39	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT				
071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.59	52.59	+0.01	5.83
Gilt Growth	66.02	68.70	+0.33	..
Gilt Income	51.85	53.95†	+0.19	7.30
Short Dtd Gilt	106.50	107.90†	+0.50	..
US Govmnt Bd	$0.715	$0.724	-0.000	..
Challenger	89.03	91.09	+0.69	..
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG				
081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	65.93	70.13	-0.57	2.14

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	16,000	Carlton Cms	940	Land Secs	446	Scot Hydro	1,600
Abbey Natl	2,500	Coats Vly	1,900	Legal & Gn	517	Scot & New	558
Alld-Lyons	3,400	Cm Union	1,300	Lloyds Bk	3,600	Scot Power	4,200
Anglian W	1,100	Courtaulds	977	MB Cardn	2,100	Sears	7,300
Argyll Gp	2,600	De La Rue	185	Marks Spr	5,700	Svrn Trent	1,400
Arjo Wiggn	1,600	Eng China	1,600	NFC	489	Shell Trans	2,700
AB Foods	298	Enterpr Oil	447	NatWst Bk	5,800	Siebe	692
BAA	1,100	Fisons	3,500	Nat Power	4,100	SmKl Bch	2,100
BAT Inds	3,400	Forte	5,100	Nth Wst W	815	Smith Nph	1,600
BOC	1,600	GRE	4,700	Nthn Fds	3,000	Sthn Elec	430
BP	6,800	GUS A	352	P & O	929	Std Chartd	728
BT	15,000	Gen Acc	1,400	Pearson	1,800	Sun Allnce	2,400
BTR	3,400	Gen Elec	6,600	PowerGen	1,700	TI Gp	2,500
Bk of Scot	1,800	Glaxo	4,100	Prudential	2,200	TSB	16,000
Barclays	5,700	Granada	3,300	RTZ	2,000	Tate & Lyle	804
Bass	1,700	Grand Met	4,000	Rank Org	1,300	Tesco	6,400
Blue Circle	2,000	Guinness	2,600	Reckitt Col	631	Thames W	1,300
Boots	1,800	HSBC	4,600	Redland	1,700	Thrn EMI	582
Bowater	1,300	Hanson	6,000	Reed Intl	1,600	Tomkins	3,100
Brit Airwys	3,900	ICI	2,100	Rentokil	1,700	Unilever	1,900
Brit Gas	9,500	Inchcape	1,800	Reuters	2,100	Utd Bisc	1,300
Brit Steel	5,600	Kingfisher	959	Rothmans	590	Vodafone	3,900
Burmah Cast	874	Kwik Save	336	Ryl Ins	1,400	Wellcome	2,600
Cable Wire	5,000	LASMO	3,200	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000	Whitbd 'A'	907
Cadbury	1,900	Ladbroke	3,400	Sainsbury	2,100	Wllms Hld	1,800

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3403.50 (-12.43)
S&P Composite .... 437.77 (-0.24)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20454.57 (+247.86)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 6894.90 (+58.02)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 108.9 (+0.2)

Sydney: AO .... 1703.5 (-1.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1628.87 (-11.91)

FT 30 share: .... 2208.4 (-23.2)

Brussels:
General .... 6099.67 (-5.65)

Paris: CAC .... 526.23 (+1.38)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 484.2 (+2.3)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1382.18 (-13.74)
FT 500 .... 1508.29 (-14.72)
FT Gold Mines .... 141.2 (-1.1)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.77 (+0.02)
FT Govt Secs .... 95.42 (-0.35)
Bargains 29670
SEAQ Volume 699.1m
USM (Datastrm) .... n/a

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 26	May 7	July 29	August 9

Call options were taken out on 28/4/93: ACT Group, Gardner Group, London Int Group, Ossory Estates, Premier, Ramers, Regalian, Spring Ram, Trafalgar House, Tullow Oil.
Put: Sanderson Elec. Put & Call: Haemocell.

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon..	550	43	57	68	17	26	32
(*579½)	600	20	34	42	45	51	60
ASDA....	67	9	11	-	5	8	-
(*69½)	76	5	7½	-	10	13	-
Bass	550	26	35	45	30	36	47
(*539)	600	10	20	26	65	70	78
Boots.....	460	27	35	44	21	28	33
(*461)	500	12	20	27	48	51	56
Br Airways	260	30	38	42	9	14	18
(*279)	280	19	27	32	18	22	27
BP	280	16	23	29	14	20	22
(*281½)	300	7½	14	21	27	30	34
Br Steel	90	9	13	15	5	9½	12
(*91)	100	5	8	11	14	16	18
C & W....	700	25	38	48	40	55	60
(*693½)	750	10	22	30	85	89	95
CU	580	29	37	-	23	35	-
(*583½)	629	11	18	-	55	67	-
Courtauld	550	26	42	52	27	35	42
(*553½)	600	9	21	31	60	67	70
GKN	460	34	42	-	13	24	-
(*475)	500	15	22	-	35	45	-
ICI	1200	88	105	127	35	60	71
(*1244)	1250	61	77	99	57	85	98
Kingfshr..	584	31	44	-	26½	35	-
(*599)	632	13½	24	-	63	84	-
Land Sec..	500	30	37	40	15	19	26
(*522½)	550	6	14	18	51	52	52
M & S	330	27	34	41	11	16	19
(*345½)	360	11	20	25	25	32	35
Sainsbury.	460	24	36	45	29	33	38
(*456)	500	8½	20½	29	55	59	63½
Shell	550	28	35	44	15	27	21
(*553½)	600	8	14	22	51	60	62
Smkl Bch.	420	62	72	81	10	18	26
(*465½)	460	36	48	58	24	34	43
Storehse...	200	20	26	31	13	18	22
(*204½)	220	10	16	22	24	29	33
Trafalgar....	93	10	14	-	6½	9½	-
(*87½)	92	6	10	-	12	15	-
Unilever..	1050	72	95	110	20	27	40
(*1082½)	1100	43	68	83	45	55	64

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Feb	Puts Jul	Oct	Feb
Grnd Met.	420	21	30	39	25	30	39
(*412)	460	7	15	24	53	57	63
Ladbroke.	160	20	26	30	11	17	21
(*166½)	180	11	16	22	22	29	33
Utd Bisc..	390	44	52	57	16	24	26
(*410½)	420	27	36	41	32	38	40

April 28, 1993 Tot: 35547 Call: 19392 Put: 16455 FT-SE Call: 6510 Put: 8656
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
BAA	750	21	36	51	14	35	44
(*751½)	800	3	16	28	50	66	74
BAT Ind..	850	18	47	62	26	45	65
(*836½)	900	5	27	41	66	77	98
BTR	600	12	31	40	13	24	35
(*599½)	650	2½	11	20	51	55	67
Br Aero...	300	25	47	60	6½	21	34
(*318)	330	13	32	42	20½	30½	48
Br Telcm..	390	21	30	35	4	14	19
(*406½)	420	4½	14	20	18	31	35
Cadbury....	460	15	29	39	8½	18	27
(*466)	500	2½	13	25	39	43	49
Guinness.	460	17	35	47	8	22	29
(*468½)	500	3½	17	28	37	45	53
GEC.....	300	20	26	30	3	10	15
(*314½)	330	3	9½	15½	17	28	31
Hanson...	220	16	20	24	1½	6	10
(*233½)	240	3½	9	14	9	16	20
LASMO....	140	12	21	26	5	11	17
(*145)	160	4	11	18	17	23	28
Lucas....	130	9	17	21	4	9	16
(*134)	140	3½	12	17	8½	14½	21
P & O....	550	26	46	57	7	22	38
(*568½)	600	5	22	35	36	50	66
Pilkngtn...	130	8	12	17	5	9½	14
(*132)	140	3	8	12	11	16	19
Prudential	300	24	32	38	2	7½	14
(*320½)	330	5	16	22	15	21	29
RTZ	600	55	72	87	4	11	22
(*647)	650	15	40	56	17	32	43
Scot New..	460	10	24	30	13	30	36
(*456)	500	2½	10	16	48	57	63
Tesco	220	9	18	25	6	13	16
(*222)	240	2	10	15	21	24	28
Thames W	500	13	19	27	9½	28	40
(*502)	550	1½	5	10½	53	68	77
Vodafone.	360	19	32	43	5	17	24
(*371½)	390	4½	16	29	23	34	40

FT-SE INDEX (*2797½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
May	104	65	35	17	6	3½
Jun	120	90	61	36	23	14
Jul	145	107	80	56	41	28
Aug	169	136	106	83	62	47
Dec	236	-	175	-	119	-
Puts						
May	11	25	42	75	119	164
Jun	28	42	63	92	127	169
Jul	37	56	74	104	140	176
Aug	55	73	91	122	149	187
Dec	100	-	137	-	189	-

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat..	390	14	24	32	15	25	31
(*386)	420	5	12	20	36	44	49
Amstrad....	30	5	7	9½	2	3½	4
(*34½)	35	2½	4½	6	4	6	6½
Barclays ..	420	25	38	50	12	24	30
(*429½)	460	8	21	31	36	45	55
Blue Circ...	240	15	25	32	10	16	24
(*243)	260	7½	17	23	21	28	36
Br Gas....	280	26	28	32	5	7½	15
(*304½)	300	9½	17	21	12	18	25
	330	2½	6½	10	37	38	44
Dixons....	200	24	29	36	6	14	15
(*216½)	220	10	20	26	16	24	29
Eurotunl..	420	30	50½	66½	24½	38	50
(*423½)	460	13	32	45	50½	64½	73½
Forte	180	17	24	28	5	11	15
(*191½)	200	6	14	19	17	21	26
Glaxo.....	550	55	78	87	15	31	45
(*556)	600	29	51	63	39	55	72
	650	13	35	44	76	88	105
HSBC.....	600	33	54	70	24	42	52
(*601½)	650	13	32	48	55	69	80
Hillsdwn...	140	15	24	28	4	8	12
(*155½)	160	8	14	18	13	16	22
Lonrho....	80	12	15	18	3	6	8
(*88)	90	5½	11	13	8	11½	14
Reuter.....	1250	57	100	133	35	62	80
(*1256)	1300	35	72	110	64	89	105
R-Royce....	130	10	16	20	6½	12	16
(*133)	140	5½	11½	15	13	17	22
Sears	100	6	9	13	4½	8	11
(*104)	110	2½	6	9	13	15	17
Thrn Emi .	850	28	43	58	27	54	62
(*849)	900	9½	22	36	62	88	94
TSB	180	15	20	25	7	14	17
(*185)	200	5½	11	16	18	25	28
Vaal Reefs..	50	8	10	11½	2½	5½	7
(*55)	60	3	5½	7½	8	11	12½
Wellcome	700	63	90	104	20	38	50
(*735½)	750	35	63	82	42	60	72

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Dec	Puts Jul	Oct	Dec
Fisons.....	160	18	26	31	14	20	24
(*161½)	180	10	18	23	27	33	37

Series		Calls May	Aug	Nov	Puts May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	14	26	34	8	30	34
(*467)	500	2½	9	18	41	55	62

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr...	330	13	22	32	12	20	24
(*327)	360	4½	11½	19	35	38	41
Scot Pwr..	310	13	18	23	8	17	20
(*311½)	330	4	9½	14	21	30	32

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2844.0	2850.0	2776.0	2792.0	22896
Previous open interest: 44341	Sep 93	2810.0	2816.0	2810.0	2815.0	297
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	93.92	93.97	93.88	93.91	14489
Previous open interest: 314114	Sep 93	93.89	93.97	93.87	93.90	21004
	Dec 93	93.84	93.90	93.80	93.84	9159
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.77	96.77	96.76	96.77	389
Previous open interest: 17307	Sep 93	96.66	96.66	96.64	96.64	458
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.73	92.80	92.71	92.74	33953
Previous open interest: 549834	Sep 93	93.58	93.65	93.56	93.59	44628
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				110-13	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				109-04	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	105-26	105-30	104-17	104-19	12582
Previous open interest: 63817	Sep 93	104-15	104-15	104-14	103-24	7
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.60	107.95	107.60	107.68	2269
	Sep 93	106.89	106.89	106.89	106.95	5
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	95.52	95.60	94.96	95.08	110778
Previous open interest: 156532	Sep 93	95.70	95.81	95.29	95.36	113
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.83	91.88	91.82	91.86	1708
Previous open interest: 20885	Sep 93	92.67	92.71	92.64	92.69	665
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.37	95.38	95.29	95.29	4443
Previous open interest: 35015	Sep 93	95.75	95.78	95.68	95.69	1174
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	97.56	97.90	97.35	97.84	17732
Previous open interest: 42634	Sep 93	97.60	97.60	97.40	97.75	468

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Robusta coffee futures closed lower as New York ran into a bout of profit-taking after the sharp advances of the previous two day's. Cocoa futures finished narrowly mixed with activity centring on the May/July spread with the first month becoming tenderable next week.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

May	673-672	Jul	772-770
Jul	689-688	Sep	787-785
Sep	703-702	Dec	809-808
Dec	722-720	Mar	831-829
Mar	743-741		
May	757 SLR	Volume:	4946

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	900-899	Jan	905-902
Jul	897-896	Mar	915 SLR
Sep	890-889	May	924-915
Nov	898 SLR	Volume:	3297

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct		Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	295.5-93.0
Spot: 309.5		May	298.0-95.5
Aug	310.0-09.0	Aug	302.5-98.5
Oct	298.0-97.0	Oct	296.3-89.5
Dec	295.3-93.1	Volume:	795

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 28

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	88.33	137.37	136.45
(+/-)	+0.22	-2.09	-0.51
Eng/Wales:	88.33	137.76	135.95
(+/-)	+0.22	-3.57	-0.63
(%)	-13.3	-2.5	+1.5
Scotland:	n/a	131.33	139.72
(+/-)	n/a	-8.83	-0.54
(%)	n/a	-38.9	-12.4

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Apr	unq	unq	Oct	105.0	105.0
May	unq	unq		Volume:	2

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

May	143.05
Jun	145.10
Sep	108.75
Nov	110.50
Jan	113.00
Volume:	317

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	138.25
Sep	106.85
Nov	109.60
Jan	112.50
Mar	113.45
Volume:	11

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Jun	139.00
Aug	138.50
Oct	143.30
Dec	144.80
Feb	unq
Volume:	20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	54.0	48.5
Apr	95.0	94.8
May	unq	100.0
	Volume:	57

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Jun 56.50-57.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The US stock figures gave little guidance, thus prices drifted.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.40	-0.10
Brent 15 day (May)	18.50	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.75	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.15	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.35	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	209 (+1)	211 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	183 (+1)	184 (+1)
Non EEC 1H May	182 (+1)	183 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	177 (+1)	178 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	76 (n/c)	78 (n/c)
Naphtha	180 (+1)	181 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

May	177.50-77.75	Aug	174.50-74.75
Jun	174.25-74.50	Sep	176.50-76.75
Jul	173.50-73.75	Oct	179.00-79.50
		Vol:	5089

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.76-18.77	Sep	18.99 SLR
Jul	18.81-18.82	Oct	19.00-19.02
Aug	18.90-18.91	Vol:	8746

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	204.00-05.00	Aug	unq
Jun	205.25-05.50	Sep	unq
Jul	205.00-08.50	Vol:	193

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 93	1525	1510	1525
Jun 93	1425	1390	1415
Jul 93	1295	1285	1283
Oct 93	1400	1390	1390

Vol: 221 lots. Open int'st: 3013 Index 1541 -4

(Official) (Volume prev day) LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1192.5-1193.0	1214.0-1214.5	1108575
Lead (£/tonne)	269.75-270.25	279.50-280.00	118625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1009.0-1010.0	1029.0-1029.5	468750
Tin ($/tonne)	5560.0-5565.0	5625.0-5627.0	9875
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1112.0-1112.5	1135.0-1135.5	925925
Nickel ($/tonne)	5905.0-5915.0	5974.0-5976.0	28368

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.1 (day's range 81.1-81.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Apr 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7960-2.8141	2.7960-2.7997	¼-⅛ds	⅛-1ds
Brussels	51.10-51.47	51.10-51.21	5-8ds	19-23ds
Copenhagen	9.5510-9.6390	9.5510-9.5740	3⅛-4⅝ds	9¾-11⅝ds
Dublin	1.0210-1.0240	1.0217-1.0238	18-24ds	52-62ds
Frankfurt	2.4892-2.5026	2.4892-2.4925	¼-½ds	⅞-1⅛ds
Lisbon	230.62-231.73	230.62-231.09	239-255ds	629-681ds
Madrid	181.92-183.03	181.92-182.30	137-164ds	375-410ds
Milan	2320.30-2335.30	2320.30-2325.00	8-10ds	26-29ds
Montreal	2.0022-2.0070	2.0025-2.0047	0.16-0.00pr	0.20-0.01pr
New York	1.5685-1.5720	1.5710-1.5720	0.37-0.35pr	1.14-1.11pr
Oslo	10.4940-10.5710	10.4940-10.5170	1-2½ds	4-5½ds
Paris	8.4040-8.4740	8.4590-8.4740	1⅜-1⅞ds	4⅛-4⅝ds
Stockholm	11.3870-11.4670	11.3870-11.4110	2⅝-3⅜ds	8⅛-10ds
Tokyo	175.10-176.54	176.33-176.54	⅝-½pr	1½-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.46-17.62	17.46-17.52	1⅝-2⅜ds	5⅛-7⅛ds
Zurich	2.2515-2.2623	2.2515-2.2546	¼pr-par	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5712-1.5739
Australia dollar	2.2022-2.2052
Bahrain dinar	0.5875-0.5995
Brazil cruzeiro *	48818.0-48818.5
Cyprus pound	0.736-0.746
Finland marka	8.502-8.618
Greece drachma	336.75-343.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.142-12.152
India rupee	48.98-49.94
Kuwait dinar KD	0.469-0.479
Malaysia ringgit	4.0395-4.0437
Mexico peso	4.8-4.9
New Zealand dollar	2.8887-2.8960
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.842-5.968
Singapore dollar	2.5379-2.5412
S Africa rand (fin)	7.1703-7.2320
S Africa rand (com)	4.9580-4.9652
U A E dirham	5.7205-5.8445

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4013-1.4023
Austria	11.16-11.18
Belgium (Com)	32.66-32.70
Canada	1.2735-1.2740
Denmark	6.11-6.12
France	5.3525-5.3575
Germany	1.5855-1.5865
Hong Kong	7.7265-7.7275
Ireland	1.5325-1.5340
Italy	1477.0-1479.0
Japan	111.70-111.75
Malaysia	2.5705-2.5715
Netherlands	1.783-1.784
Norway	6.705-6.715
Portugal	147.1-147.3
Singapore	1.615-1.616
Spain	116.0-116.2
Sweden	7.284-7.294
Switzerland	1.4338-1.4348

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅞ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5^{11}⁄$_{16}$; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth: 5^{9}⁄$_{16}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5^{25}⁄$_{32}$-5^{23}⁄$_{32}$	5^{25}⁄$_{32}$-5^{23}⁄$_{32}$	5¾-5^{23}⁄$_{32}$	5^{11}⁄$_{16}$-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:					
Interbank	6-5⅞	6^{1}⁄$_{16}$-6	6⅛-6	6^{1}⁄$_{16}$-6⅛	6⅜-6⅛
	6-5^{25}⁄$_{32}$	6^{1}⁄$_{16}$-6	6⅛-6	6^{3}⁄$_{16}$-6⅛	6⅜-6⅛

Overnight: open 6, close 4½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6^{1}⁄$_{16}$	n/a	6^{1}⁄$_{16}$	6⅛	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	5^{25}⁄$_{32}$-5^{23}⁄$_{32}$	5^{31}⁄$_{32}$-5⅞	5^{31}⁄$_{32}$-5⅞	6^{1}⁄$_{16}$-6	6⅛-6^{1}⁄$_{16}$
Dollar CDs:	3.06-3.03	n/a	3.10-3.07	3.17-3.14	3.35-3.30
Building Society CDs:	6-5^{25}⁄$_{32}$	6-5^{31}⁄$_{32}$	6^{1}⁄$_{16}$-5^{31}⁄$_{32}$	6⅛-6^{1}⁄$_{16}$	6⅜-6⅛

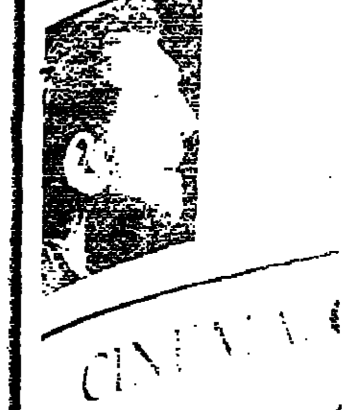
ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1993 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.36 %. Schemes II & III: 7.25 %. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to Mar 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.028 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2^{15}⁄$_{16}$	3⅛-2⅞	3^{3}⁄$_{16}$-2^{15}⁄$_{16}$	3⅜-3^{1}⁄$_{16}$	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	7⅝-7½	7⅝-7½	7⅛-7	7⅛-7^{1}⁄$_{16}$	8⅛-7¾
French Franc:	8⅞-8⅝	8⅞-8⅝	8⅝-8	8-7⅝	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5^{1}⁄$_{16}$-4^{15}⁄$_{16}$	4⅞-4⅝	5⅜-4⅞
Yen:	3⅛-3	3^{3}⁄$_{16}$-3⅛	3^{3}⁄$_{16}$-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $349.80-350.20 Close: $351.80-352.30 High: $351.80-352.30 Low: $348.40-348.90 Krugerrand: $351.00-353.00 (£223.00-225.00)
Sovereigns: Old $82.00-85.00 (£51.00-53.00) New $82.00-85.00 (£51.00-53.00)
Platinum: $374.20 (£238.05) Silver: $4.13 (£2.625) Palladium: $115.85 (£73.70)





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Greg Hicks as the obsessed and sottish Verlaine, in Christopher Hampton's Total Eclipse

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Trumpeter Hakan Hardenberger is to appear twice at this year's BBC Proms



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** is shaken but not stirred by *Alive*, a true story of cannibalism and endurance

Perfect taste, imperfect film



Having survived a plane crash, they must survive a long wait for rescue from a mountain top: a scene from Frank Marshall's *Alive*

Since Alive concerns the Andes plane crash of 1972, when the stranded survivors sustained themselves by cannibalising their dead companions, the film's depiction of the grisly chomping might be uppermost in your mind. OK. They cut from the rump, from buried bodies half-frozen in the snow. The meat looks like cold fried chicken. The spectacle is handled with embarrassed discretion and no whiff of black humour, apart perhaps from Ethan Hawke's declared intention to eat from the pilots. "After all," he says, "they got us into this mess."

It is strangely unmoving. By this time, the film is already an hour old: normally time enough for us to get to know the characters and to feel for their fate, dead or alive. But even after the plane crash takes its toll of these college rugby players flying from Uruguay to Chile, writer John Patrick Shanley is swamped by numbers. There are just too many people; and only Hawke and Vincent Spano have familiar faces.

We might feel more for the survivors' plight if our feelings were not so utterly exhausted by the opening. Here, at any rate, *Alive* proves very impressive. No plane crash on film has ever matched the gut-wrenching immediacy of these scenes, staged in British Columbia. One wing hits the icy mountain and breaks off. The second wing follows. Gaping holes suck out screaming people; the fuselage toboggans downwards, leaving passengers dazed, bloodied, mangled. One has a seat strut speared through his stomach. After the comic thrills of *Arachnophobia*, director Frank Marshall shows he can get serious with a vengeance.

No film-maker, however, can compensate for a story whose peak is passed in the first reels, whose characters twiddle thumbs waiting for rescuers who never come. Working from Piers Paul Read's best-selling book, Marshall and Shanley craft little dramas and personality conflicts as best they can, although they overdo the religious awe the high altitude brings. "It's magnificent! It's God!" Hawke carols. Will audiences be similarly uplifted? Debatable. Only one thing is sure: *Alive* is not going to be screened as an in-flight movie.

The grim mood continues in **The Mystery of Edwin Drood**. A cathedral choirmaster (Robert Powell) tempers the daily monotony with bouts of opium and an obsessive passion for his nephew's fiancée. For exterior scenes, a pervasive fog; for interiors, cramped rooms dimly lit by candles. To make matters merrier, most of the characters dress in black.

Since Charles Dickens's unfinished novel casts an eerie spell, and *Drood* is that rarity, a fully British film, it would be pleasant to be positive about the result. But *Drood* (shot mostly in Rochester, the town that inspired Dickens's story) suffers mightily from one basic flaw. Here is a tale of warped, hidden passions, madness and melodrama — a gift for a director with visual flair, or a knack for Hammer horrors. But Timothy Forder, best-known for his television cartoon series *Murun Buchstansanger*, offers something as tidy and staid as a BBC classic serial.

Alive
Empire, 15

The Mystery of Edwin Drood
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue, 12

Mediterraneo
Curzon Mayfair, 15

Ruby Cairo
Plaza, 15

National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1
Odeon West End, PG

Blow-Up
Barbican Cinema, 15

You know the routine: flat direction; no momentum; stalwarts of the *Spotlight* casting directory standing around in sideburns. Even though Forder extends the novel with deranged ravings and a flurry of sudden deaths, the images never take the hint, and plod on their way politely. Occasionally something stirs, often when Judi Dench's daughter Finty Williams exudes sweet innocence as Rosa, the girl of the choirmaster's tortured dreams. But for the most part, this is an unadventurous, drooping *Drood*.

Mediterraneo casts away the shadows: an Italian film so light and airy that it almost floats off the screen. In 1992 this won the Oscar for best foreign film, in preference to the far superior *Raise the Red Lantern*. But give Gabriele Salvatores's movie its due: this affectionate tale of eight soldiers marooned far from the action of the second world war on a distant Greek island is always pleasant and well-observed. There is also the setting. Blue skies, orange sunsets, simple Greek food: the travel agent's perfect advert.

The soldiers certainly fall under the spell. That is the story's point. They begin with instructions to guard the Aegean island in the name of Mussolini. But the outside world slips away: their radio is destroyed, their ship blown up. As the sun beats down, uniforms are discarded. The lieutenant takes up fresco painting; two clownish brothers adopt a local shepherdess. The island idyll takes over.

Salvatores, a 30-year-old with a background in theatre, has carved a niche with nonchalant meditations on the Italian character. *Mediterraneo* runs true to form. If the ensemble acting were not so accomplished, its slightness and softness might grate. But Diego Abatantuono and his troupe twist us round their little fingers, at least until the sun has set and the film is done.

From the balmy Aegean, we press on to Athens, Cairo, Berlin, Veracruz and the houses nestling under the flight path to Los Angeles International Airport. The heroine of **Ruby Cairo** moves around so much that the screen marks out her route on a map with a felt-tip pen. And the further she travels, the more unbelievable this mystery-thriller gets.

We begin in L.A. with Andie MacDowell, taking a break from well-groomed sophisticates as the working-class Bessie, mother of three, husband to a shady pilot just reported dead in Mexico. Bessie, something of a Sherlock Holmes, finds a stash of marked baseball cards that quickly lead her to secret bank accounts, poison gas, and the romantic attentions of Liam Neeson, head of an organisation called Feed the World.

Graeme Clifford, the director of *Frances*, has an obvious nose for atmosphere. But the more time MacDowell spends climbing pyramids and streaking through Cairo bazaars, the more the story's holes open up. *Ruby Cairo* apparently cost $25 million: far too much for an old-fashioned, silly film whose audience potential seems nil.

At least **National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1** is silly on purpose, though you have to be in an indulgent mood to wrench much laughter from this ramshackle, juvenile spoof. The chief target is the *Lethal Weapon* series: Emilio Estevez and Samuel L. Jackson assume Mel Gibson and Danny Glover's roles as odd-couple cops in the L.A. jungle.

"There's a joke every 15 seconds," director Gene Quintano explains, "but the actors must always play it straight." Estevez and Jackson abide by the rule to a fault: they look so deadpan they might be corpses. As for the jokes, some are worth a chuckle; but for genuine humour, the *Lethal Weapon* films win hands down.

Impossible not to chuckle during the revival of Antonioni's **Blow-Up**, the flagship movie of the Barbican's series about the Sixties. Such fashions, such lingo, such pot party orgies! Yet behind the dated surface, you can detect a master film-maker brooding over his trademark themes: modern life's emptiness, the ambiguity of reality.

When the focus rests on David Hemmings discovering a possible murder in photographs taken in a London park, *Blow-Up* still grips. If you want the best of Antonioni, seek out his earlier films. But if you want to see swinging London through intellectual spectacles, roll up: the fun starts here.

Tackling Dickens raises great expectations

Stephanie Billen reports on the latest cinematic adaptation of Dickens's unfinished last novel, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*



Robert Powell plays an unbalanced, opium-taking choirmaster

Dickens's last novel has always intrigued readers. *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* quickly became the riddle of what happened next, for not only did the author die before he could invent an ending, he died before he could write the entire second half. But Timothy Forder, the British director of the new film adaptation reviewed above, was entranced by the story just as we have it. A choirmaster's nephew disappears; the unbalanced, opium-taking choirmaster seems likely to have murdered him.

"I've tried to round it off rather than to create a whole new plot. In fact, I took away some of the new characters Dickens introduced towards the end," he says. As a result *Drood* ends plausibly, but with few surprises, becoming not so much a whodunit as a whydunit, an atmospheric case study of John Jasper, the choirmaster.

Forder believes that the approach comes close to Dickens's own. "There weren't really detective stories at the time; I think Dickens was more interested in intricacies of character." A rector's son himself, Forder feels some sympathy with Jasper. "There is definitely a small-town mentality. Jasper was stuck in a rut, having to be the person everyone imagined him to be."

The contrast between Jasper the cheerful cathedral singer and Jasper the possible psychopath is certainly fascinating. "Drood-ologist" and *Times* writer Peter Davalle, former chairman of the International Dickens Fellowship, is among those who see him as "both good and evil, a Jekyll-and-Hyde character before that book was written". He adds: "Dickens took his illustrator to a condemned cell." The theory goes that the last scenes were to involve Jasper in the cell, recalling his past sins.

When director Stuart Walker filmed it in 1935, the ending needed to be more dramatic. "The convention of the time was that the murderer had to die," says Davalle. "And the cinematic convention — think of *Frankenstein*, or some of Hitchcock's films — was that he should be chased and then fall from as high as possible, in this case, the cathedral."

> 'Drood ends plausibly, not so much a whodunit as a whydunit'

These days it is not always so clear what an audience wants as an ending. The stage musical version of *Drood*, which did well on Broadway but bombed here in 1987, left the decision up to us. Towards the end of each performance audiences voted on the identity of the murderer. But the very multiplicity of possible endings reduced the exercise to a farce.

In the film world, the notion of alternative endings has been exploited as a gimmick in pictures such as Jonathan Lynn's 1985 film, *Clue*, a whodunit based on the board game Cluedo — a different conclusion was shown at each screening. More routinely, studios use the early screening process as a way to gauge audience reaction.

However, in a new twist, the so-called "director's cut" versions of *Fatal Attraction* and *Blade Runner* (and of others such as *Betty Blue* and *Close Encounters*) have been released with the endings intended by the film-makers. The director Terry Gilliam is sceptical about such rereleases. "It's just a marketing ploy. I resent the fact that these makers, who capitulated when the film originally came out, should now be heroes."

Gilliam himself admits to having had "big fights" with studios over his films, perhaps most notoriously with Universal over the ending of his nightmarish vision of the future, *Brazil*. "They decided that the film's message should be 'love conquers all' and that the characters should drive off into the sunset." Gilliam's darker ending, for which he fought successfully, indicated that the only escape was through the imagination.

Gilliam is now expecting a similar struggle over his latest project, *The Defective Detective*, about a burnt-out New York cop who enters a child's fantasy world. "It's a really interesting ending because the hero sacrifices himself, yet this is a children's film," he says gleefully.

New interactive technology could put the ball back in the viewer's court. Nick Thomas, spokesman for Philips, which manufactures the technology, says: "This autumn we'll be bringing out Full Motion Video, putting films on compact discs. Multiple endings will be possible. It will be a question of the punter's cut."

Perhaps Dickens might welcome a little help from his fans. Davalle says: "When the author died, everyone wanted to know how his last book ended. One person went to a medium and asked Dickens what he did in the other world to pass the time. She swore on a stack of Bibles that Dickens replied: 'I spend all my time trying to solve *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*.'"

David Robinson on a strong British presence at Turin's festival of homosexually themed films

Coming out in the home

However diminished in other respects, British cinema is rivalled only by America in its output of homosexual films. At the 8th Turin Festival of homosexually themed films last week, 28 out of 72 titles were from Britain, outnumbering the 21 from the USA. At the recent 7th London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, the proportions were dramatically reversed, with 81 films out of 135 from America and only 26 from Britain.

One reason for this discrepancy is of course the quantity of material that was excluded from London because it has already been seen on television. Sometimes, indeed, it seems impossible to turn on television without finding counselling for kids on how to come out to their parents and exhortations for parents to celebrate their offspring's happiness whatever its orientation; or gay and lesbian police talking about coming out within the force.

The phenomenal aspect of all this material is that never in the history of communications have so many people spoken so publicly about their own sexuality and about only recently acknowledged problems of socio-sexual adjustment. The problems are seen at their most acute — and also their most comic — in a Channel 4 film, Rosalind Haber's *Oy Gay*. Here, young homosexuals talk about the problems of following their sentimental and sexual proclivities while keeping faith with a religion which strictly identifies sexuality with procreation. The Jewish mother can be a great comfort, though: "She would much rather I brought home a nice Jewish boyfriend than a non-Jewish girl", says one son.

Two of the most remarkable groups of testimony are offered by the Canadian film *Thank God I'm a Lesbian* by Laurie Colbert and Dominique Cardona, and the American *Forbidden Love*, by Aerlyn Weissman and Lynne Fernie.

All the women in these films have come to terms with the world, and trust that it has come to terms with them; and their wisdom is sometimes awesome. Changing history has left a distinct mark on the generations. Most of the older ones — who remember the time of ostracism or disastrous marriages for the sake of social conformity — cannot cast off the guarded look, in contrast to the belligerence the generation of the Sixties cannot shed. Only the youngest seem quite at ease with their world; though one old lady joyously recalls the day she discovered "there was nothing wrong with me. I just liked women!"

The central and the greatest problem they invariably describe is coming out to their families, confronting parents' prejudices and disappointing their ambitions for tribal succession. Some films are starting to confront the problems of the very young. We are properly so zealous to protect children from abuse that we are in risk of forgetting their own nascent sexuality.

Pam Walton's documentary *Gay Youth*, from America, starts from the statistic that 30 per cent of suicides among Americans between 15 and 24 are motivated by problems with homosexuality. The film concentrates on two youngsters: a boy who was commemorated by his parents, after his suicide, by an annual prize for a student contributing to better socio-sexual understanding; and the girl who won the prize in 1992.

The girl is Gina Gutierrez, a beautiful, charismatic and intelligent woman of 16. Acutely aware of her sexual orientation and all the implications, she declared herself by performing a dramatic monologue about coming out, in front of the whole school. A good deal of resulting persecution and harassment was offset by the support of her classmates and understanding parents. Challenging the most hallowed ritual of teenage America, she took a girl to the school prom.



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Today *The Times* introduces the symbol ♿ to designate venues that have adequate wheelchair access and facilities.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

LONDON

JENUFA. Yuri Lyubimov's epic staging of Janáček's grim tale is restaged by him for the Royal Opera, and conducted by Jiři Kout. Intense central performances from Nancy Gustafson in the title role, Anja Silja as Kostelnička, Jan Blinkhof as Laca and Arthur Davies as Steva.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm. ♿

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Simon Joly conducts Howard Skempton's *Lento*, Ives's *Three Places in New England* and the first performance of Gavin Bryars's *The War in Heaven*. With soprano Sarah Leonard, counter-tenor David James and the BBC Symphony Chorus and Singers.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm ♿

HAUSMUSIK: The respected early music group performs string quintets by Mozart and Mendelssohn, and Schubert's Piano Quintet "The Trout".
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm. ♿

CRACKS: Tim Luscombe directs Martin Sherman's 1973 spoof thriller, set in California. Ben Daniels and Deborah Norton in the cast. Opening night.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tonight, 7.30pm; then Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm ♿

SEARCH AND DESTROY: Stephen Daldry's debut production at the Royal Court is also Howard Korder's British debut, with a play zigzagging across the United States to give a darkly comic picture of the soured American dream.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, SW1 (071-730 2554). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm, opens May 5, 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm

NEW BEGINNINGS. Ken Powell has a collector's passion for British art of the immediately post-war era and has an unrivalled collection of it from in the last 20 years. His particular favourite is Prunella Clough, of whom he has 19 works from between 1945 and 1981, as well as the *Men At Work* portfolio of 18 drawings and monotypes. He also owns a splendid representation of St Ives free form abstractionists, including Roger Hilton, Peter Lanyon, Patrick Heron and Terry Frost. In all the show comprises 38 works.
Courtauld Institute Galleries (Nos 9 and 10), Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until June 13 ♿

REGIONAL

BIRMINGHAM: Gennadi Rozhdestvensky conducts works by Walton (overture, *Scapino*); Mendelssohn (*Italian Symphony*); Respighi (*Three Botticelli Pictures*), and Tchaikovsky (*Capriccio Italien*).
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333), 7.30pm. ♿

CAMBRIDGE: *Berenice*, a fine Handel opera about the amorous intrigues of the ancient Egyptians, is rarely performed today except for the minuet from the overture, which you occasionally hear at weddings. The ever-enterprising Cambridge University Opera Society has revived the whole thing with Ann Mackay in the title role.
University Music School, 11 West Road (booking through the Arts Cinema, 0223 352001), tonight, Sat and Sun, 7pm. ♿

NORTHAMPTON: *Shoes*, a new work by Aletta Collins, receives its world premiere during **London Contemporary Dance Theatre**'s season in Northampton. Collins, whose *Stand By Your Man* was toured by LCDT three years ago, has set *Shoes* to an original score commissioned from Steve Martland. Two proven works complete the bill: Mark Morris's *Motorcade* and Christopher Bruce's *Rooster*, set to songs by the Rolling Stones.
Derngate, 19-21 Guildhall Road (0604 24811), tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. ♿

WATFORD: Angela Down, David Horovitch and Jonathan Wrather in Lou Stein's production of *Ghosts*, drawing visual imagery from the paintings of Munch.
Palace, Clarendon Road (0923 225671). Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm, until May 8. ♿

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
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■ **ARCADIA**. Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. Excellent cast includes Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, Sat, 2.15pm. 180mins ♿

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. ♿

□ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his tale.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

□ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA**. Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-fashioned drama.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

□ **FOR SERVICES RENDERED**: Somerset Maugham in angry mood, lashing the hypocrisy surrounding the first world war. Sylvia Syms in well-observed revival, transferred from the Salisbury Playhouse.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins ♿

□ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in Peter Shaffer's RSC success lacking themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings, Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins

◪ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **A JOVIAL CREW**: Max Stafford-Clark's marvellous discovery of a play about the lure of the vagabond life, written on the eve of the Civil War.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mats today, Sat, 2pm. 150mins ♿

■ **KINDERTRANSPORT**. Accomplished and moving first play by Diane Samuels about a child obliged to leave her parents in Nazi Germany.
Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (071-402 5081). Mon-Sat, 8pm. 120mins

□ **THE LAST YANKEE**. Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success. First seen at the Young Vic.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Previewing eves, 7.45pm; opens May 4, 7.45pm, then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm ♿

□ **LION IN THE STREETS**: Canada, specifically Toronto, as a jungle where beasts destroy the weak; powerful stuff.
Hampstead, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins. ♿

□ **A LOVE SONG FOR ULSTER**: Bill Morrison's ambitious, strongly acted trilogy, set at three periods of crisis between 1922 and today.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Single plays Tues-Fri, 8-10.15pm, trilogy, Sat and Sun, 1.45-10pm ♿

□ **MISERY**: Nonsensical but chilling production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins. ♿

□ **NO MAN'S LAND**: Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

□ **ON THE PISTE**: John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins

□ **RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL**: Welcome revival of St John Hankin's satirical 1905 comedy where a ne'er-do-well justifies sponging on his family.
Orange Tree, 1 Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 120mins. ♿

□ **ROBIN — PRINCE OF SHERWOOD**: Over-loud, ridiculous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm. 140mins.

□ **THE TREATMENT**: Martin Crimp's eccentric look at New York and the treachery of movie makers: effective only in patches.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

□ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS'**: Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish though sometimes slow staging by John Caird.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. 190mins

LONG RUNNERS: □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ◪ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) . . ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse ♿ (071-839 4401) . . ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) . . ◪ **Kiss Of The Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . □ **Lost in Yonkers**: Strand (071-930 8800) . . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . □ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant, delicate drama from Claude Sautet. With Daniel Auteuil, Emmanuelle Béart, André Dussollier.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Gate** ♿ (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

◆ **MR SATURDAY NIGHT** (15): Some tart jokes, but a mostly exhausting, comball vehicle for Billy Crystal (as an old-time comic in his twilight years). With David Paymer. Crystal also directs.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Hill** ♿ (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

◆ **SOMMERSBY** (12): Richard Gere returns to Jodie Foster after the Civil War, but is he really her husband? Plush hokum, based on *The Return of Martin Guerre*. Director, Jon Amiel.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **MGM Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **ACCIDENTAL HERO** (15): Promising satire on hero worship, marred by a grating Dustin Hoffman performance and a director (Stephen Frears) not in total control. Starring Andy Garcia, Geena Davis.
Barbican ♿ (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

◆ **BODY OF EVIDENCE** (18): Predatory murder suspect Madonna hooks defence lawyer Willem Dafoe. Silly, sleazy attempt to rival *Basic Instinct*. Director, Uli Edel.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy, with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
MGM Fulham Road ♿ (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** ♿ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

INDOCHINE (12): Love in a hot climate. A trite plot, but Catherine Deneuve and gorgeous images carry the day. Director, Régis Wargnier.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

◆ **LEAP OF FAITH** (PG): Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama, with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce.
MGM Trocadero ♿ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ♿ (071-792 3332)

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager missing for six years returns home: but is it really him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland.
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

◆ **ONE FALSE MOVE** (18): Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a tantalising moll. With Cynda Williams, Billy Bob Thornton.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Plaza** ♿ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish artist Antonio López strives to capture a quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** (PG): Robert Redford's hymn to family, nature and fly fishing. Beautifully mounted, but lacking punch.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Panton Street** ♿ (071-930 0631) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148).

◆ **USED PEOPLE** (12): Will Jewish widower Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances? Queasy comedy romance, made watchable by its cast. Director, Beeban Kidron.
Barbican ♿ (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

THEATRE: Early Christopher Hampton, recent Bleasdale and new writing at the Cottesloe

Balanced view of doomed affair

MARILYN KINGWILL



Wife-battering bisexual Verlaine (Greg Hicks, left) and narcissistic, dependent Rimbaud (Oliver Milburn)

Total Eclipse
Greenwich

CHRISTOPHER HAMPTON wrote *Total Eclipse* in 1967, when he was 21, and has lived to see it become the most frequently revived of all his plays. Nor is that a backhanded compliment on his public's part. Given that the twin subjects are Verlaine and Rimbaud, and sometimes Rimbaud at his wildest and Verlaine at his woolliest; given that the play was first staged when the Lord Chamberlain was disappearing into the knacker's yard, and it was still pretty daring to be candid about homosexuality; given all that, it seems an astonishingly mature piece of work, as cool and humane as anything Hampton has penned since.

The play's tone is quickly set. The 16-year-old Rimbaud casually invades the house that Verlaine uneasily shares with his in-laws, and has alienated his wife and her conventional parents long before his one pair of purple socks has turned fetid.

"Don't you like Musset, he's my favourite poet," simpers Mathilde Verlaine by way of making conversation. "Slovenly facile rubbish," comes the brusque reply from Rimbaud. "The most objectionable and least talented of all the miserable buffoons of this dreary century. A poet for schoolboys and women."

But this is not some 19th-century Jimmy Porter insulting the haute-bourgeoisie with his author's gleeful approval. Hampton's humour is less bilious and his charity greater than that. For him, Rimbaud is a truth-teller and, though this is something we must assume, a poet of genius: and he is an arrogant brat whom any self-respecting householder would throw down the steps. That kind of balance is sustained throughout the sad, sordid story of his affair with Verlaine.

I do not see why exemplary figures — a Toulouse-Lautrec whore, an examining magistrate, even a round, shiny moon — must pose at the beginning of each scene in a miniature bird-cage high on the side of the stage. But this does not matter much, for otherwise Julian McGowan's set consists only of a grey, streaky backcloth and the odd bed or chair. It makes a perfectly adequate context for a brisk, clear narrative in which the protagonists criss-cross Western Europe while, at least by orthodox standards, careering morally downhill.

There could be more and subtler electricity between Oliver Milburn and Greg Hicks's poets, but individually they catch the characters' contradictions. For Milburn, that means making us believe in Rimbaud's toughness of mind and independence of spirit while suggesting both narcissism and dependence behind the aggressive scorn. For Hicks, it means acknowledging what is sottish, weak and abject in the wife-battering bisexual, Verlaine. Lisa Forrell's production suggests, rightly, that theirs is a constructively destructive bond.

Whether Hampton brings great insight to the questions he has said he wants to treat — "what does it mean to be a writer, what are the pleasures and torments and responsibilities?" — I am not sure. But he tells a fascinating tale with honesty, intelligence and a lack of sentimentality or sensationalism. That seems more than enough.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Never quite taking the leap into space

On The Ledge
Lyttelton

EVER since Harold Lloyd dangled from the face of a clock, 30 floors above a street, high buildings have been a potent source of comedy. And ever since the first suicide plunged from his office window, they have provided opportunities for earnest drama and social comment. In setting his new play outside the top two floors of a Toxteth tower block, Alan Bleasdale gives himself a splendid site for inducing, er, edgy laughter and, um, highlighting the strains of modern urban life. He is better at the first than the second.

Against a panorama of Liverpool, sporadically illumined by fireworks, William Dudley's bleak, and largely boarded up, edifice becomes a vertical arena. A villainous property magnate appears with two of his heavies on the flat roof, chasing a pair of hopelessly petty thieves, and a few events take place in one of the flats, but for most of the time the actors are standing with their backs to the wall on the ledges that run conveniently round the building.

The woman (Dearbhla Molloy) is out there to escape from the property crook, clutching evidence of his malpractices in her Tesco carrier-bag. The young thieves are trying to shake off the heavies, and a sad man (David Ross), tired of this mad world, has actually gone out to throw himself off. From time to time, Gary Olsen's no-nonsense fireman rises into view on his hoist, relatively keen to persuade someone to come down gently so that he can return to his task of guarding bonfires.

Obviously November 5 is a date not chosen idly. This was when Mr Fawkes attempted to show his disenchantment with the on-going state of affairs, and Bleasdale wants his more responsible characters to air a comparable discontent. Hence the nasty racketeer (Jimmy Mulville) as a hate figure raping Toxteth and, by extension, all the greedy men ripping us apart. I could believe in him at the beginning, just as I believed in all the characters at their first appearances, but the longer they interacted, the less could I take them either seriously or comically. Bleasdale runs out of lovably batty lines for the lovably dippy characters, and the serious rhetoric becomes prosey.

Take the one man who really does want to place a full-stop on his life. Ross presses himself against the brickwork in an agony of distress: his hands never cease straying across his clothes, face or briefcase, desperate for the comfort of contact: you can imagine his palms damp with sweat. But what turns out to have driven him frantic is his collection of unconsciously nonsensical newspaper reports — agony aunts confessing that their post-bags are "full of premature ejaculation". Well, what silliness!

The play is excellently funny in those early scenes where Mark McGann and Jacob Abraham twitter away in Scouse-talk, and Paul Broughton's crazed, Cortina-loving thug dreams up a programme of sadistic revenge. At such times Robin Lefevre's directorial touch is sure. But the art of using comedy to express social anger is as hard as anything a playwright can attempt. Dario Fo discovered the knack once or twice, but Bleasdale only fitfully in this.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Twentysomethings recognise the place

Somewhere
Cottesloe

THIS is a play that hurls you backwards into growing up. Judith Johnson's world is instantly recognisable to anyone who was at a comprehensive school in the early Eighties. It is all snogging, smoking, getting legless and throwing up. It is partying while the parents are out and hanging around in parks, downing litres of cider from plastic bottles.

Part of the cast's vitality comes from their sheer enjoyment of reliving those years. Looking amazingly not a day over 17, they lurch around dancing to Madness and The Specials in a mindless frenzy, wearing bovver-boots, nylon bomber jackets and drainpipe jeans. The opening offers delightful comedy with its tiny hints of travesty. Kev the Mod (Karl Draper), even as he encapsulates worrying aggression and nerviness, also looks ridiculous, jerking spasmodically from the armpits upwards like a psychotic chicken in a trilby.

Reality soon kicks in. With the odd exception, the performers' physical work is quickly fine-tuned towards detailed, sharply observed naturalism. Among the swaggers and slouches of being "well fockin' 'ard" are minute gestures that betray sexual attraction, insecurity, psychological disturbance and potential violence.

The initial comic élan is transmuted into intensively charged performances, headed by Katrina Levon and John Hannah as Dawn and Lee, whose fancying of each other grows into an obsessive love. This, after ten years of separation, drives Lee — suffering post-Gulf-war trauma — to find Dawn, now a prostitute in Amsterdam.

This is a hard-hitting production. Though full of humour and warmth, and hesitantly optimistic at its heart, *Somewhere* is searingly painful.

Its political concerns do occasionally stand out too obviously and there are a couple of moments when sentimentality hovers in the wings. But, these quibbles aside, Johnson achieves outstanding dramatic potency while shouldering sociological issues: male violence, broken homes, alcoholism and emotional trauma so extreme it pushes characters to near madness and, in one case, suicide.

Somewhere not only resurrects the acute emotions of adolescence, passion, anger and grief, it shows how that past stays with you, indelible as a tattoo. Political, like personal problems, do not go away. Even as the piece carefully recreates the Eighties, its images of urban discontent, unemployment and angry youths strikingly parallel life in the inner city estates of the Nineties.

Polly Teale's direction sensitively alternates noisy, frenetic activity with stillness, and slicky choreographs set changes using blasts of pertinent pop lyrics, or with characters dancing and singing themselves into the next scene as furniture spins around them.

Stephen Brimson Lewis's design — standing door frames and old armchairs — refreshingly keeps the piece's workshop origins in view and leaves attention focused on the concentrated energy of the performers.

If *Somewhere* is anything to go by, "Springboards" — a season of new work from studio theatres — is coming straight for us with a flying leap.

KATE BASSETT

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Richard Morrison selects a baker's dozen of superlative concerts from a 1993 season notable for the lack of costly foreign orchestras

Fanfare for youth at this year's Proms





Blowing their own trumpets: the Swedish virtuoso Hakan Hardenberger (left) and the New Orleans-born whizz-kid Wynton Marsalis (right) bring a touch of high class to the high brass at the Proms in the Albert Hall this summer

If the Proms did not exist, nobody in our cautious, cost-conscious age would dream of inventing such a glorious folly. Sixty-seven concerts in 58 days, most of them in the dead month of August? Let the punters into the Albert Hall for as little as £2? Expect students to stand as silent as statues for hours? Forget it! Yet here is another season of the BBC Henry Wood Promenade Concerts, edging towards their centenary (this season is the 99th) and still laying fair claim to the title so cherished by the BBC: "The greatest music festival in the world".

Of course, even the Proms are affected by the recession. No fewer than five youth orchestras have been invited to play. Doubtless they will all be magnificent, but cynics may say that this is a cheap way of making up the numbers. On the other hand, none of the top-flight continental orchestras is performing; nor are any American orchestras. Perhaps this is no bad thing. Last year, neither the Amsterdam nor Vienna Proms lived up to the hype.

It will be a great summer if you love period instruments: they will be used in 11 concerts, including what will surely be an unforgettable interpretation of Beethoven's Choral Symphony conducted by the Dutch recorder player Frans Brüggen. Or if you revel in extracts from late-romantic opera, especially by Richard Strauss.

But there is a notable reduction in the number of commissioned new works — just two this year (John Buller and Nicholas Sackman), compared with seven last season. That will not please the contemporary-music lobby. Nevertheless the season does have a strong list of British premieres. They include Witold Lutoslawski's stunning Fourth Symphony, first played in Los Angeles this spring, and Hans Werner Henze's Requiem, written in memory of the London Sinfonietta director, Michael Vyner.

Below is our selection of 13 "superlative" Proms. The BBC Proms 93 Guide is on sale from Tuesday, priced £3; postal booking opens on May 10.

● **Most bloodthirsty:** Choosing Strauss's frenzied opera *Elektra*, instead of the usual sacred choral marathon, adds a certain *frisson* to the First Night. Conducted by Andrew Davis, who has never been known to undersell his Strauss, and with a cast led by the wild and wonderful Marilyn Zschau and Eva Randova, the House of Atreus should tumble towards its well-deserved nemesis in spectacular style. *July 16*

● **Proudest dad:** When the veteran German conductor Kurt Sanderling appears with the European Community Youth Orchestra, the cello soloist in Brahms's Double Concerto will be his son, Michael. Sanderling senior is a fascinating figure. Unlike other German-Jewish musicians, who fled to America in the 1930s, he decided to go east to Russia. In retrospect, an unwise career move. He worked with all the top Soviet and East German orchestras, but until comparatively recently missed out on the riches and fame showered on his contemporaries who went west. *August 18*

● **Most veils:** OK, I know Salome has cast aside her seven veils by the time she sings the closing scene in Strauss's opera. But with Maria Ewing singing this scene in a Strauss and Shostakovich evening, the joint will be jumpin' just the same. She was sensational in the role at Covent Garden a few years ago, boldly discarding her gold lamé G-string on the grounds that she found that item of clothing "vulgar". Quite so. *August 7*

● **Most colossal:** There are a number of entrants for this title, of course. But the combination of Dame Gwyneth Jones bringing her golden Welsh tonsils to bear on the Liebestod from *Tristan und Isolde*, and Olivier Messiaen's gigantic orchestral ecstasy, the *Turangalila Symphony*, takes some beating. Love, death and great music: what more is there to life? *July 30*

● **Most intimate:** Just two performers, the pianists Peter Frankl and Tamás Vásáry, will be on the platform at one point in this Prom. They will play Schubert's F Minor Fantasia for piano duet, possibly as a kind of "time off for good conduct" between accompanying the BBC Singers in all 32 of Brahms's *Liebeslieder*. Not recommended for those who don't like waltzes. *August 13*

● **Oldest music:** The great Elizabethan composer William Byrd, born 450 years ago, is celebrated with performances of five motets. He was a musical giant; England has not produced too many. Yet his choral masterpieces, ebullient or ethereal, are hardly known outside cloistered circles. Here, the choir of King's College, Cambridge, makes its belated Proms debut. *September 10*

● **Newest music:** Virtuoso Dutch organist Jacques van Oortmerssen will improvise for 12 minutes in the middle of his early-evening Prom. He also thunders through a few noisy French blockbusters, including the ubiquitous Toccata from Widor's Fifth Symphony. *August 17*

● **Most political:** Composers who grew up in, or fled from, Hitler's Germany had a natural empathy with others persecuted on racial grounds. Here, the Matrix Ensemble — which has won a high reputation for dusting down intriguing rarities from the inter-war years — performs some of the music from Kurt Weill's adaptation of Alan Paton's great novel of South African oppression, *Cry, the Beloved Country*. The Prom also includes an extraordinary trumpet concerto by Bernd Alois Zimmermann, called *Nobody Knows De Trouble I See*. The admirable Hakan Hardenberger is the soloist. *August 25*

● **Most Vivaldi:** Four Vivaldi concertos in one evening, and not a whiff of the *Four Seasons*! Somebody once wrote that Vivaldi composed not 600 concertos, but the same concerto 600 times. Doubtless the Virtuosi di Roma will regard it as their patriotic duty to refute this monstrous slur. One of the concertos is for piccolo. Well, someone had to write one. *August 5*

● **Loudest drum:** Halfway through Nielsen's Fifth Symphony, a side-drummer appears and wrecks the entire show with a kind of aural terrorist attack: Nielsen, writing in 1924, saw it as a struggle between "progressive and destructive forces". Simon Rattle and his City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra will probably not understate the drama of this bizarre moment. *September 7*

● **Most Wynton Marsalis:** Jazz bands have visited the Proms before, but there will be special excitement at the appearance of this brilliant young New Orleans-born trumpeter, who seems capable of excelling in any idiom or shining in any company. I hope that he and his band are *not* on their best behaviour for this late-night Prom. *August 19*

● **Most venerable orchestra:** Celebrating its 250th anniversary, the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra fittingly brings the music of one of its former conductors, Mendelssohn, as well as some of the heavyweight Austro-German repertoire for which its present music director, Kurt Masur, is famed. Unlike many of the other 88 orchestras in what was East Germany, the Leipzig Gewandhaus appears to have prospered since reunification. *August 30, 31*

● **Most British:** And so to the Last Night which, in deference to the general mayhem of benign jingoism, includes no fewer than 12 British works — none very long or taxing to the intellect. Barry Wordsworth, usually to be found in the Covent Garden pit providing the musical accompaniment to the pirouettes of the tights-and-tutus crowd, is entrusted with the conducting and the speech. A safe pair of hands. *September 11*

TELEVISION REVIEW

Halt, while we agonise

THERE is an old anti-war joke that runs along the lines of, "Join the army, travel to exotic places, meet interesting people . . . and then kill them". The idea of killing another human being is rather preposterous and always barbaric, unless, of course, that other human being is trying to kill you first.

Last weekend's IRA bomb in London and the horrors on our television screens from Bosnia have made many wonder what methods we might condone to end the carnage if our families were in the direct line of fire. Then it dawns on us that although the IRA bomb and Bosnia have vaulted themselves into our moral conscience, there is a regular gallery of wars and spats around the world. Every day, other people in other lands are facing split-second decisions on dilemmas that we dawdle over during an idle dinner conversation.

Last night's **Dispatches** (Channel 4) delivered startling footage of how a specialist undercover unit of the Israeli army deals with Palestinian insurgents who are plotting possibly to kill them and their families in Israel. As one of the Israeli army's top brass said, arresting those Palestinians branded as terrorists is dangerous, but not impossible, with training and reliable intelligence. And although they do their best to avoid it, sometimes Israeli commandos have to kill those who are determined to kill them first. The hardest part was ensuring that the army stays on the right side of the law, and does so with only seconds to reach decisions when someone is shooting at you.

After a year-long training programme, soldiers of the Israeli army's crack but controversial Mistra'arvim units dress up as Arabs — sometimes as Arab women — talk Arabic, apply make-up, do whatever is necessary to infiltrate Palestinian communities. In the military equivalent of keyhole surgery, they enter the occupied territories to try and arrest armed Palestinians who escape capture by more conventional methods. The Palestinians decry them as death squads.

Presenting the evidence, but steering clear of passing judgment, the *Dispatches* camera followed one commando team on a mission into Gaza. The mission was dangerous, despite a second-by-second rehearsal. A Palestinian was killed. But the men on Israel's wanted list escaped. The man who died had been asked to stop several times by the soldiers, who were not in disguise. He kept running into the darkness. Shots were fired in the air. He kept running. The camera was running too. The Palestinian turned to face the commandos. Did he have a gun? Did he? The Israeli soldier fired.

The Israeli section leader made no attempt to whitewash the horror. The soldier was tearful and repentant, but too late. All in the Mistra'arvim agreed it was a mistake, a tragedy. The unit commander reaffirmed that a successful mission is one in which no shots are fired, only arrests made. But where is the appropriate slide rule to apportion the blame? Thought-provoking, but depressing.

JOE JOSEPH

MARILYN KINGWELL



Love light: Richard Laing as Daphnis and Veronica Needa as Chloe at the Almeida

Flab and whimsy

Love In The Country
Almeida

ANTHONY Bowles was music director on numerous West End shows, taught at drama schools and composed film soundtracks. When he died, in March, plans to revive this 1968 musical, written with Mike Alfreds for Lamda students, were well in hand. This week's run has become a tribute to him, while the proceeds from a gala at the Duke of York's theatre last Sunday will go to Crusaid.

Criticism is accordingly inappropriate; but since the press was invited, it has to be said that the show is an unlikely monument to a waspishly amusing and much-loved professional. Roger Martin's production for the Love Cooperative Theatre Company reveals a vapid little romp in which the spirit of Julian Slade survives, but on a life-support system. Unexpectedly chromatic orchestration and irregular rhythmic word settings that add a Sondheim touch have, I suspect, accrued in student and fringe revivals in 1974 and 1981. But Alfreds's book and lyrics weigh down this treatment of the Daphnis and Chloe story with frequently embarrassing whimsy.

The production ruthlessly emphasises this with a distressing acreage of flabby bare flesh and such self-conscious facetiousness as sheep and goats who chew gum, stand around with hands on their hips and generally indulge in knowing drollery. Inexorable couplets throw up no rhyme more interesting than "Olympus/impasse"; and the best music is found in the most conventional ballad form — "What happened to Daphnis?" or the old shepherd's "I have a beautiful garden".

Richard Laing and Veronica Needa do their best as the picaresque lovers in a style ideally suited to *Salad Days*. Adrian Cleasby has more character to work with as Dorcan, the jealous cowherd. Ian Macpherson directs the 11-strong orchestra in a scrupulously prepared musical performance. That at least would have pleased the composer.

MARTIN HOYLE

CLASSICAL MUSIC: Rewards for the adventurous

Swiss on a musical roll

ECO/Griffiths
Barbican Hall

A CONCERT of 20th-century Swiss music is evidently not everybody's idea of a good night out — to judge from the banks of empty seats for the English Chamber Orchestra at the Barbican on Monday night. The turn-out was disappointing, not only because it was the enterprising sort of event that deserves to be supported, but also because those intrepid souls who did come were rewarded with a programme of fascinating and readily accessible rarities.

The plum was the Violin Concerto in B Flat composed in 1911-12 by Othmar Schoeck. To get some idea of what the concerto sounded like, you could imagine the miniaturist Hugo Wolf in expansive, genial mood. The influence of Brahms's Violin Concerto is also easy to hear, especially in the first movement, though Schoeck's is a more discursive work: not for nothing is it subtitled "quasi una fantasia". Lydia Mordkovich proved an ardent advocate with her warm-blooded yet always well-focused playing. Howard Griffiths conducted with evident affection.

Frank Martin's curiously scored Petite Concertante for Harp, Harpsichord, Piano, and Double String Orchestra, offers a more concentrated interior drama than its eccentric sonorities promise.

Rolf Urs Ringger's *"Con slancio" for orchestra*, receiving its first British performance, is another skilfully contrived score but more succinct. Ringger maintains the momentum over a short, five-minute span, but deploys an imaginatively varied orchestral palette in the process.

The one let-down in the programme was Arthur Honegger's Symphony No 2 for String Orchestra and Solo Trumpet. Written during the Nazi occupation of Paris, and expressing, in the final trumpet chorale, a faith in liberation from tyranny, the symphony seems set to engage our sympathies far more than it does. Griffiths was able to generate little intensity in the Adagio lament, while the trumpet chorale (excellently played by Andrew Crowley) proclaimed a too easily won victory.

BARRY MILLINGTON

DANCE: Steam and street shoes from Montreal

Groping in the bathroom

La Chambre Blanche
The Place

I SHOULD not enjoy sharing a steam bath with the members of O Vertigo Dos if they behaved as they did in a fictitious one for their British debut on Tuesday.

That they chose to keep on their solid old fashioned undergarments would be more uncomfortable for them than anyone else, but I draw the line at their retaining solid black street shoes, too.

Their constant chattering, chanting, singing, shouting, crying, cackling like asthmatic hens and laughing very loud would be a problem too, not to mention their habit of mauling, butting or throwing each other about. But it soon becomes apparent that this is no ordinary steam bath; rather a metaphor for something or other — possibly, I fear, as banal an idea as the general heat and pressure of life.

The room, designed by Stephane Roy, looks real enough at first, with its tiled walls, narrow entrance, small high windows and low grilles to let the steam in. Soon, however, as their antics begin to drive the dancers up the wall, some of the tiles swing open to provide footholds or handholds.

For part of the action the women put on ballet shoes and teeter about on point; sometimes they wear little black frocks; there is a touch of very discreet nudity and many intermediate states of apparel. Ginette Laurin's choreography, regrettably, varies less than the costumes; basically a sort of push, grapple or grope for the ensemble work, and an anxious quivering for solos.

Michel Drapeau's score is a mix of drones, clanks, bangs and wheezes, with some more ordinary passages.

Coming from Montreal, the company invites comparison with the more familiar La, La, La from that city. O Vertigo is more arty, less physically daring; less outrageous, even rather conventional.

It opens the new Turning World season at The Place, which this year spreads its net wider than ever and will doubtless manage soon to startle even blasé old hands.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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Ronald Butt finds a new popular history of the Civil War better on battles than on politics

A murderous muddle

CAVALIERS AND ROUNDHEADS
The English at War 1642-1649
By Christopher Hibbert
HarperCollins, £20

Christopher Hibbert concludes his account of the Civil War by quoting a mournful comment by the royalist Earl of Berkshire shortly before it ended: "Nobody can tell what we have fought for all this while." Three and a half centuries later, historians argue about the cause of conflict.

There is now, it is true, fairly general agreement about what did not cause it. It had little to do with the economic rise or fall of the "gentry". Its origins are not (as was held until recently) to be found in the apparently adversarial politics between a Court and a Puritan opposition party in the Elizabeth House of Commons.

It is not disputed that the conditions that led to the war were the Crown's shrunken financial resources, its demands for taxation which the Commons resisted and disputes over religious policies with the large Calvinist element in the Church of England.

There can also be little question that the Commons' increasing habit of arguing with Elizabeth and James I about politics prepared the ground for the conflict with Charles I. Nothing like it had been seen since some of the medieval parliaments. But there had been no calculated challenge to the royal prerogative.

Though the old constitution was beginning to fray, war was not inevitable. It arose from Charles I's persistent money-raising by doubtfully legal means, his uncompromising religious policies, the disastrous Scottish wars and his deeply flawed political character.

But to try to evaluate the causes of the war is to walk in a historical minefield and this, by his own terms of reference, Hibbert escapes. He is, as he states at the outset, concerned not with causes but with "what happened" and he also concentrates more on the minor engagements which produce the greatest casualties and on the effect on the general population, than on the big battles of the war.

Once he has set the scene by a brief and evocative account of the events leading up to the conflict he has little to say about politics. Occasionally we are taken on a day-trip to London to be spectators at some particular event: the actions taken by citizens to defend the capital, riots for peace with the king, an occasional glimpse inside the Commons, a great banquet given by the City to both houses of parliament, the execution of Laud and the death of the king himself. But there is little account of the political means by which the war was managed by the parliamentary side at Westminster.



From *Cavalry* by V. Vuksic and Z. Grbasic (Cassell, £20)

Instead, we are kept firmly in the field throughout the sieges, battles and smaller engagements up and down the country and this reveals the lack of coherent strategy on either side. If the omission of an overall view of war-management is something of a handicap for the general reader, for whom the book is largely intended, Hibbert's method of presenting the campaigns in detail gives a compelling picture of this most inconsequential of civil wars, its devastating effect on the lives of ordinary people and the brutalities committed on both sides. The very incoherence of the war gives an insight into the collective political psychology of the time that brought it about.

It was a war in which loyalties crossed families, classes and even religious inclinations. Both sides shared in committing the abominations of war, supposedly pious Roundheads as much as Cavaliers. The rapidly shifting hostilities show how false the old textbook maps were which suggested neat front line dividing regions under royalists or parliamentary control.

Some on the Roundhead side hardly seemed to want outright victory since they did not know what could be done with it. Indeed the official parliamentary position throughout was that they were fighting not the king but his "evil counsellors". But Cromwell knew better: he acknowledged the king as enemy, saw the hand of God everywhere (not least at his victories) and unlike the king he was much more willing and better equipped to give God an efficient helping hand.

While Charles was unpolitically rigid in defence of his rights but devious in tactics and prepared for martyrdom, Cromwell was willing to do the unthinkable. But in doing it he unleashed socially revolutionary forces which were even more unacceptable to him than the policies of Charles I. This incoherent civil war unleashed a can of vipers which could only be exterminated by the restoration of the old order and political evolution. There is a moral for all time in that.

This action-packed book gives new life to an often told story. Sometimes its author tries to pack too much information in a sentence too long for easy digestion. It is also a pity that it lacks any references, even if the author has deposited a copy with the National Army Museum at Chelsea. That may be too far for a non-specialist to go in search of a source of interest. But this is a serious book intended to convey the benefits of historical research to the interested general public — which, of course, is where the broad outlines of historical discovery ought always to end up.

Rowse among friends

Alfred Leslie Rowse is now in his ninetieth year. If it might be rash to suggest that he no longer feels the need to write books for a living, the attainment of a ripe old age is nevertheless a liberation from the pressure to work except for pleasure. The words Rowse applies to Hobbes ("he was independent-minded and obstinate to the point of being pig-headed") are at least as true of himself: but one would expect the brazen manner to have acquired by now a benign patina.

Oxford's professional Cornishman, who turned his rooms at All Souls into a veritable cottage industry of Elizabethan scholarship; the eternal grammar school boy whose high-pitched voice has grated on the ears of patrician liberal academics for so long; who so incisively shopped his own college for its role in appeasement: is he now mellowed, having returned to his birthplace at St Austell to meditate on the past, all passion spent?

On the strength of *Four Caroline Portraits*, this angry old man is not quite ready to hang up his spurs. His latest offering — an Aubreyesque celebration of four 17th-century troublemakers — is as spiky and combative as ever. These six choice essays are intended to irritate the guild of Civil War historians, just as their author used

Daniel Johnson

FOUR CAROLINE PORTRAITS
Thomas Hobbes, Henry Marten, Hugh Peters, John Selden
By A. L. Rowse
Duckworth, £14.99

to provoke Shakespeare scholars by suggesting that they did not know enough about the society and politics of Shakespeare's England. Here again he contrasts the "narrow pedant yoked to one discipline" with the great polymath such as John Selden, whose "insatiable curiosity led him into many fields, to all of which he made valuable contributions".

Rowse sees parallels between the ideologists of Stuart England and those of the 20th century, so he selects two case histories to illustrate the pathology of the puritan mind: the "republican and regicide" Henry Marten and the "propagandist and coloniser" Hugh Peters. He disapproves of both men: Marten for betraying his fellow gentry, Peters for his opportunism. Unlike Selden, neither was content merely to oppose Stuart policies: they cynically promoted what Rowse sees as the doomed utopian project of a "commonwealth" — analogous to a "people's republic" today.

Though Rowse has a good deal of sympathy for the human foibles and magnanimity of Marten and Peters, both of whom suffered for their beliefs, he has none at all for those historians or politicians who posthumously glorify them. His own unheroic heroes are the "elect" spirits, advocates of the "middle way" in the war between King and Parliament, who with Selden thought the solution to religious conflict was to "chain up the clergy on both sides". From Hobbes's *Behemoth*, Rowse concludes: "Today we can appreciate how modern his outlook was, in keeping with the appalling events of our own time. It is appropriate... that in universities today much more attention should be paid to the nonsense of Levellers, Diggers, Fifth Monarchy men etc., than to the insights of the most acute mind in England at the time."

Of these essays, the most pregnant with contemporary significance is the last, which considers the somewhat neglected polemic against Hobbes's *Leviathan* by Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, whose own magisterial history of the "Great Rebellion" has recently been reissued by the Oxford press which bears his name. Clarendon was a foe worthy of Hobbes, and Rowse is fair to both the politician and the philosopher. But he sides with the latter in the end, not just because Hobbes's sceptical attitude to religion is closer to his own, but because Clarendon's "upper-class" faith in notions of honour, obligation and duty has, Rowse thinks, proved less reliable in time of war than Hobbes's ignoble emphasis on sheer survival.

Rowse argues that the disapproval of conventional people like Clarendon drove Hobbes's works underground, overshadowed by the more complacent Locke, who provided the outlook for the British governing class for two centuries. "With the decline and break-up of all that, in our calamitous time," declares Rowse, "we can see that the plebeian Hobbes saw deeper into human nature and is now more in keeping with the facts."

Even if the subtext of Rowse's self-identification with Hobbes (he stresses Hobbes's bachelor status but concludes that "he saved his vital spirits for better things" than sex) is a little too obvious, this is quite the most eloquent case for Hobbesian pessimism that I have read for years. Rowse has another two years to go before he matches Hobbes's longevity. Like Hobbes, he might have to wait a lot longer to be appreciated by his peers.

Exile's fleet of fleeting moments

Michael Wright

THE BOOK OF EMBRACES
By Eduardo Galeano
Norton, £6.95 pbk original

Let us not beat about the bush. There are some books — grand books, with very short chapters — which make perfect lavatory reading. And when one first flicks through Eduardo Galeano's pot-pouri of dreams and memories, parables and paradoxes from Latin America, it seems obvious that *The Book of Embraces* is destined to enter yon hallowed chamber, where even angels fear to tread. These chatty *pensées*, chiseled *aperçus* and light fisted *bonmots* are precision-made for brief sittings in that special place where, as Craig Raine has memorably put it, we "suffer the sounds in silence".

"Turn loose the voices, undream the dreams" orders Galeano on page 125, as if prescribing an emetic. "Through my writing, I try to express the magical reality, which I find at the core of the hideous reality of America," and the reality he expresses has been, is, and will prove to be just that: hideous, magical and somehow rooted at the core, not just of Latin America but of all nations.

Like Walt Whitman before him, Galeano recognises and celebrates individuals in all their hoary glory, and the appeal of his work is the more general as a result. Perhaps the text does, at times, exude merely the disorganised charm of any old soul's commonplace book. Yet this particular soul has lived through the horrows of a malignant dictatorship, suffered an exile and a heart attack thousands of miles from his country, and is gifted with the ability to anatomise life with the jagged edges of a young poet expressed in the measured tones of a weatherbeaten old storyteller.

Quietly assembling a fleet of fleeting moments from all that he has seen, heard and imagined in his enforced wanderings, the author convincingly bears out his own dictum that the storyteller is "the one who relates the collective memory". Poignant epiphanies and *haiku-style meditations mingle* with gobbets of magic realism (a catfish goes for a walk with its master), snippets of plangent graffiti ("Assist the police: torture yourself"), some rather banal rantings at the "System" ("It steals with one hand what it lends with the other"), and micro-anecdotes elliptically celebrating the simplicity and courage of Latin American crooks, martyrs and vagabonds.

Occasionally the sheer amount of space on the page works against Galeano's jottings, and they begin to resemble small time actors adrift on a grand stage, or a child's sketches languishing in a series of heavy guilt frames. Yet the man's witty accompanying graphics, and the sheer resonance of his work, offset this. Most pieces end on what musicians might call an interrupted cadence, with the sense of what has been left unsaid eclipsing any strong sense of an ending.

So much is suggested by so little that Galeano's unassuming pond of ponderings quickly begins to seem too large for the thunder-box. This is a book for open skies and open minds; a joyous surgery for open hearts.

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BRIDGEMAN ART GALLERY



Does it matter what we eat? *Summer*, by the school of Giuseppe Archimboldo (1527-93), offers a humorously anthropomorphic view of the vegetable world

Millennial growth of a vegetable love

Anthony Daniels

THE HERETIC'S FEAST
A History of Vegetarianism
By Colin Spencer
Fourth Estate, £20

Since eating is self-evidently so important a part of life, it has long been held unquestioningly that the content of the diet must hold the key to health. I remember that for many years my father, who suffered from peptic ulceration, stuck faithfully to a milky diet, eschewing all strong flavours; it was subsequently established that such a diet was of no medical value whatever. And I remember also that one of my first patients after I qualified had an attack of diverticulitis. I read him an impassioned lecture on the need for fibre in his diet; he listened quietly, and then told me that he had received precisely the same lecture ten years previously — except that he had then been told to avoid all fibre as conscientiously as I was now telling him to eat it. He came to the not unnatural conclusion that it was the fervour with which the diet was advocated, not the content of the diet, which was important.

In fact, provided a diet is nutritionally adequate, it seems to matter comparatively little what it contains, except in specific medical circumstances: there is a striking similarity in life expectancy between countries with very different diets. But there are other arguments for vegetarianism, and in this book Colin Spencer has traced them through history with considerable erudition, though sometimes in a little more detail than the general reader will require.

He rightly points out that vegetarianism can arise only where there is sufficient food to indulge in choice; it would make little sense to preach vegetarianism to the Eskimos, for example. But once a choice exists, the diet is a matter of considerable symbolic importance. Since meat has for centuries been the food *par excellence* of the wealthy and the socially prominent, voluntarily to forgo it has in parallel seemed an act almost of rebellion. Furthermore, since Christianity does not forbid the consumption of meat, vegetarianism has sometimes been taken as a sign of heresy.

All this Spencer brings out very well. It takes him half the book to reach the Renaissance, and there are long (and not always wholly relevant) discussions of the doctrines of Pythagoras, the Gnostic sects, the Manichaeans, Bogomils and Cathars. It comes as something of a surprise to learn that the ethical arguments in favour of vegetarianism were advanced so many centuries ago.

Spencer is clearly sympathetic to vegetarianism, and the latter part of the book turns gradually into a polemic. One suspects that he is something of a *bien pensant* by his assiduous use of "humankind" for mankind in the first chapters of the book; but the full extent of his modern orthodoxy makes itself plain in the last few chapters.

He is an orthodox denigrator of western culture: Christianity, he says, promotes guilt, which he considers an entirely negative and destructive psychological phenomenon. Now this is simplistic nonsense, for guilt is a spur to much worthwhile activity and is surely necessary for the operation of any system of morality; and societies which do not use guilt as a method of social control tend to use shame and honour, which bring ethical and psychological problems of their own.

Spencer suggests that had it not been for St Paul, Europe might have espoused an ethically superior combination of paganism and Buddhism, much to the benefit of the rest of the world (including, he says, Australia, which I had much fun in imagining as pagano-Buddhist). Spencer appears to think that Buddhist culture and society is necessarily non-violent, which will no doubt come as a surprise to the inhabitants of Sri Lanka, Burma and Cambodia.

He also accepts in full, and without questioning, the sinister fascisto-socialist myth that the people of this country were at their healthiest during the food rationing brought about by the second world war. It is true that their health improved, but it continued to improve after the abandonment of rationing. One suspects that it is a yearning to interfere in the everyday lives of everyone without exception that sustains this outrageous myth, which is now being repeated with considerable and alarming frequency.

Spencer remarks on the partially westernised diet of the Japanese and alludes to the increase in cancer rates and coronary heart disease which this has brought about. I think in the circumstances it would only have been honest to allude also to the fact that the Japanese have achieved at the same time the highest life expectancy of any country in the world at any time in history, a fact all the more remarkable when one considers that at the end of the second world war Japan's life expectancy was far lower than that of any sub-Saharan African country today.

Spencer's world is one in which people are simultaneously starving to death in unprecedented numbers because of the appetite for meat in the west, and reproducing so fast that they threaten the future of the planet. And the idea that people are starving in Somalia because of meat production in the rest of the world is absurd, though very gratifying to precisely that sense of guilt which Spencer otherwise excoriates.

It is a shame that his polemic is so unbalanced and uncritical, because there are good arguments for vegetarianism. The mass production of meat is both horrifically inhumane and inefficient as a means of raising protein; and it is possible that a vegetable diet is marginally healthier. But if the world turned vegan the cow and chicken would become extinct. Whether that would constitute a gain for cows and chickens I leave it to moral philosophers to decide.

Nothing but a civil contract?

Gillian Tindall

THE END OF MARRIAGE
Why Monogamy isn't Working
By Julian Hafner
Century, £9.99

At a time when the usefulness of psychotherapy is once again being questioned, Julian Hafner, a psychiatrist who teaches and practises in Australia but was trained in England and America, must be a considerable embarrassment to his own profession. It has already been pointed out that his experience in an Antipodean middle-class suburb, where (he claims) men aspire to be manly and woman to be perfect home-makers and most children are born in wedlock, hardly equips him to write on marriage in our time. A greater problem is that he does not seem to understand why, when no longer forced into it, people still like marriage.

Hafner's book is infused with a back-to-front logic in which, having decided that all is not well with the people he knows, he gathers anecdotes from other places, times and situations out of which to construct a ramshackle indictment of "the English speaking world".

Statistical interpretation is not his strong point. Flourishing the much-quoted figure that one-third of marriages break down, he does not notice that this means two-thirds survive. We are told that women "experience psychiatric disorder twice as often as men" which turns out to mean they consult psychiatrists more. We are told, on the basis of a single study, that the married are less healthy than the unmarried; the numerous studies that have indicated the opposite are not mentioned. Because the male life expectancy is slightly shorter than the female, he claims that men have "lost" years, since — by another wild leap — they rely on women to do their caring for them. The prosaic truth is that there are many developmental and metabolic differences between the sexes which operate regardless of culture.

Worst of all is his pick-n'-mix attitude to geography and history. He has read Elizabeth Badinter's polemic in which she casts doubt on the universality of the maternal instinct, citing mainly the 18th-century French use of wet nurses. He uses this already questionable source as his main proof, along with Methodist severity and child chimney-sweeps, that in some vast, cloudy arena called "the past" people did not care about their children. He nowhere else says anything about France, and it does not seem to bother him that these examples are well-known mainly because they were extreme enough to cause concern at the time. History, with him, is a fairground helter-skelter, upon which pop up in quick succession wonderful prehistoric women in touch with the secret of life, witchcraft trials, the evils of the industrial revolution, and more dubious statistics relating to London prostitutes.

The geographical ride includes Papua New Guinea and a third sex among the American Indians, accompanied by a lecture on transsexualism, to which the author attaches a mystic value. However, Africa, India, China and the Middle East go almost unmentioned, even for purposes of comparison. There is not a word on polygamy in Muslim societies. There is almost nothing about marital infidelity in western society either, except for a statement that it leads to guilt and Aids. But Hafner seems to have difficulty in viewing attraction and attachment at all except in pathological terms. He thinks, in defiance of folksong and story, that "ordinary people" did not fall in love till put up to it by, oddly, the Brontës. In his final, QED paragraph he confidently predicts the demise of this foolish practice.

There is an important book to be written about marriage today, when longevity and greater choice have, as in other areas of life, brought new problems as well as gains. It will not be by Dr Hafner.

Gillian Tindall's latest novel is Spirit Weddings *(Hutchinson).*

Connecting his prose and passion

Nicola Beauman's convincing biography of Forster shows an ordinary man with an extraordinary vision, says **Peter Ackroyd**

It might have been a sad, damp squib of a story — the *old man in the raincoat and* cloth cap, wandering aimlessly around Cambridge with the knowledge that his best work was more than forty years behind him. But there is a sense of exultation, even exaltation, in Nicola Beauman's biography that turns the aging Forster into some image of humane wisdom: he became a "sage", not simply a survivor.

It all began with a sense of dispossession so acute that it reverberates throughout his fiction: the narrative opens with the destruction of Forster's childhood home in Melcombe Place, and one of his characters later formulates his own sense of loss. "To them Howards End was a house," he writes of Mrs Wilcox, "they could not know that to her it had been a spirit, for which she sought a spiritual heir".

MORGAN
A Biography of E. M. Forster
By Nicola Beauman
Hodder & Stoughton, £20

E. M. FORSTER
Interviews and Recollections
Edited by J. H. Stape
Macmillan, £40

It represents a very English sense of place, of course, which has in other hands become the merest antiquarianism; but Forster was engaged by more private impulses, since there was a further act of *disinheritance. His father died* when Forster was very young and throughout his early life the mother, Lily, became a close, over-affectionate and over-protective companion. She was to remain with him for the next fifty years, looking after her "Morgie" and, from the day when they moved to Tonbridge so that he could attend school, establishing a vision of suburban existence which he desired and reviled in equal measure. "He had seen civilisation as a row of semi-detached villas," he wrote in *The Longest Journey*, which is perhaps why he fled so willingly into the Indian caves.

*By the time he arrived at Cam*bridge he already seemed a rather ordinary young man, if a little more timid and gauche than the usual public school product of the 1890s. He was in truth a mother's boy, and the university was to take over the role of *materfamilias* when the genuine article died. King's College made him, and eventually nursed him. It was then, as it has remained, the most liberal and "humane" of the Cambridge colleges as well as the most purely intellectual. Again Forster became invaded by what he once called "the genius of the place" — it was the atmosphere which he absorbed with the Apostles and recreated with the Bloomsbury Group.

Nicola Beauman sees the pattern of his life, then, in terms of division and compromise: there was his morally bracing Cambridge aspect, as bright as it was astringent, and the more comforting suburban world which was dominated by elderly female relatives. But widows and old maids were in one sense his natural habitat and, after leaving university, he returned to it. He was, as they used to say, "well off"; he had nothing to do, and so he started writing a novel. Yet he was still naive to the point of silliness — he once said that "not till I was thirty did I know exactly how *male and female joined*".

Of course all the world now realises that he was homosexual but, at this stage in his life, it hardly mattered; for him sexuality seems to have resembled that vast intangible sublime which haunts his middle-class English characters and leaves them at a loss. That is *why he was quite happy to move to* the safety of Weybridge with his mother, where he wrote all of his fiction. "He knew, aged twenty-four," Nicola Beauman explains, "that he would never break free: and out of the bounds he would create literature".

In the volume of interviews and recollections, edited by J. H. Stape, there emerges a familiar ambiguous figure. Some considered him to be the model of the modest and humane observer, while others found him fussy and occasionally very curt. No doubt he was all of this, but Angus Wilson remarked observantly that Forster's "indecisive, spasmodic manner seemed to contain . . . firm decision".

His inner self-confidence, his ability to stay quite silent in the company of other people, and what one contemporary called the "insistent" sense of humour, suggest that there was a real power of will — even of vision — behind his inconsequential exterior. But the pre-eminent quality was one of detachment: it might be construed as the effect of loneliness or of superiority (the marks of the only child), but it was always there. He had a private income; he had a private mind. It is clear from Nicola Beauman's account that, despite his genuine belief in loyalty and friendship, he never really needed anyone at all. His mother's unremitting love had made him absolutely secure in the world and so, in many respects, he was able to remain a child — charming or difficult, according to mood, and even a little ruthless.

He travelled to India in 1912, for the first time escaping the bonds of Weybridge, and on his return began to write the work for which he is now most famous. *A Passage to India* was in fact to be his last novel, and he was always being asked why he had never written another. His frequent reply was that he had nothing left to say, but perhaps he stopped because he knew that he had achieved enough.

After the death of his mother he removed to King's College, and stayed there for the rest of his life; he wrote the occasional piece, but he seems to have understood the strange fact that, the less he had to say, the more reputation he acquired. It indicates something about the relative importance of *this last long period that the second* half of his life should take up less than a tenth of the book. But we do not look for the mere accumulation of fact in a biography; we look for patterns of significant action and reaction, for that vast indeterminate web of motive and belief which unites a man with his work. That is *what Nicola Beauman has given us* here. She has presented a convincing picture of an "ordinary" man who possessed an extraordinary vision of the world.

EDWARD ARNOLD



"The so-called white races are really pinko-grey." E. M. Forster during his Indian trip in 1912-13

Lone ranger of the globe

Collections of travel pieces — "travel-writing" is too self-indulgent a term for what is often a writer's easy option — tend to smack of an author's jolly lunch with agent or publisher. Why not *cross Asia on a penny-farthing, visit* English seaside resorts in winter, or paddle up the Amazon in a coracle to prove the Welsh did it first?

The genre is undemanding of anybody with an enjoyment of travel, a pack of piquant phrases and a loaded bandolier of adjectives. It requires little research and no theme, beyond such as already suggested, is necessary other than the wanderings of the author, whose own choice dictates the *hardship content.*

Tom Pocock

FALLING OFF THE MAP
Some Lonely Places of the World
By Pico Iyer
Jonathan Cape, £14.99

At first glance, *Falling off the Map* seems of this genesis. Not only is it about "lonely places" but its author seems to be of that peculiarly English breed of literate traveller — Peter Fleming, James Morris, Norman Lewis and Eric Newby come first to mind — who face the discomforts of the trail with amused urbanity. The author was born in Oxford and educated there and at Eton. Yet the blurb also announces that he is Indian.

So this is a travel book with a difference and one with a happy blending of English and Indian attitudes, for which both traditions can claim credit. The subtitle of Mr Iyer's book may be *Some Lonely Places of the World*, but half of them swarm with hyperactive citizenry and seem far from lonely.

As the author explains, "Lonely places are the places that don't fit in." Australia, which "no one knows whether to call an island or a continent", is "a part of the Wild West set down in the middle of the East". Argentina "longs to be part of the world it left and, in its absence, re-creates the place it feels should be its home." Vietnam is "a pretty girl with her face pressed up against the window of the dance hall, waiting to be invited in", and Iceland, "the mystic poet in the corner, with her mind on other things". More genuinely lonely are Paraguay, which "simply slams the door and puts up a Do Not Disturb sign", while Bhutan "all but bases its identity on loneliness".

Iyer has an acute ear for language. The Argentinians remind him of those Indians who speak *Wodehousian English* "preserving . . . an almost caricatured version of an England that exists nowhere but in the mind: homesick for a place that they have never seen". Yet this seems normal in comparison with the quaint, drilled jargon of North Korea where, visitors are informed, "Swinging and seesawing are popular among women", and that "Animals and *Plants Invite Tourists to Korea.*"

His book is, in effect, a collection of bright-cut travel journalism, outstanding among those generally boring pages and bearing comparison with the few notable practitioners, such as Edward Mace and the late Anne Sharpley. His reporting is as timely as it is entertaining, catching countries on the wing: effervescent Cuba wilting under a siege economy; South Vietnam recovering its raffish high spirits *under the dour dominance of the* North; Paraguay as a home fit for Nazi heroes.

Australia is seen on the eve of possible republicanism and the loneliness that would bring. As one whose forebears also had to look



Lonely as a cloud: Pico Iyer likes places that don't fit in

towards London, he can tease Australians for their self-conscious mateyness and raise an enquiring eyebrow towards the rising sun of Tokyo, which already owns the most celebrated sanctuary for koala bears. Loneliness can be contagious; Iyer notes, after a lyrical description of the Queensland dusk, that "a visitor begins, at last, to catch the presence of an Australia within, a *terra incognita* deep inside, and a loneliness that will stay with him even when he leaves."

Lament for the murder of hope

Michael Hofmann

THE CERTIFICATE
By Isaac Bashevis Singer
Translated by Leonard Wolf
Hamish Hamilton, £14.99

Isaac Bashevis Singer's *The Certificate* was first published in Yiddish (the language he wrote in) in 1967, when he was 63; but its English translator, Leonard Wolf, thinks it was written quite a long time earlier, and this seems likely to me too: the 1920s or 1930s, perhaps. The young narrator fantasises about winning fame as "a second Knut Hamsun", and the book is reminiscent of other *outstanding first novels like Ham*sun's *Hunger* or Saul Bellow's *The Dangling Man*, books of the city and a young man's aporia.

Like all the Singer I have ever read it simply flies off the page. It is irresistible in its dialogue, personality and situations. Singer has a real lightness of heart which is unlike anything else, least of all the determined cheerfulness one is usually offered in its stead.

In unsympathetic outline, *The Certificate* is absolutely routine, though I suspect that when it was written the clichés had yet to be invented. The narrator, a young writer, David Bendiger, is trying and failing to make a go of things *in the city; he wonders where to go,* and which of the three women who offer him encouragement he should go with. ("Who am I?" "What will become of me?" and "Are you the girl for me?" are the questions thrown up by a great many first novels.)

What sets *The Certificate* apart from the ruck of such books is firstly the dash, humour and lack of pathos with which it is written. Bendiger is one of Singer's earnest and bewildered protagonists. His mind is on high things, but his body falls into sexual entanglements. Time passes while the young man is trying to make up his mind whether, philosophically, it exists or not. His thought about

JERRY BAUER



Sex, cheese and Spinoza: Nobel laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer

Spinoza makes no great progress, but he gets through quantities of bread and cheese and shoe leather. Few books treat their heroes — especially young heroes — with such lack of respect.

At their worst, early novels don't offer more than a game of pinball: a loose life pinging about among fixed obstacles. *The Certificate* is well aware of this. It is Singer's intensity and awareness that draws the reader into his particular game, which is set among Jews in Warsaw in 1922 (the "certificate" of the title is permission to go to Palestine under the Balfour Declaration, in the days when Britons still determined such things). Singer has the very rare gift of drawing characters that are both satisfactory in themselves, and give one a sense of being moved by historical forces.

As a result, the book is much more than an individual destiny. It asks what will happen to Jews, to Poland, to modern life (I have not read many novels where the telephone plays such a role). Everywhere, discreetly and cleverly, it contrives to show a fan of unfolding possibilities: of religious observance, of life-style, family, sexual freedom or unfreedom, language (Hebrew, or Polish, or that "dialect", that "mishmash", "not a language at all", Yiddish, Singer's choice). Reading the book now we *know — as Singer did by the time* he published it — that it is a lament for a murdered age: but the turbulence is that of youth and modernity, not of approaching extinction.

Michael Hofmann's latest poetry collection Corona, Corona *will be published by Faber in September.*

Monstrous regiment of aunts

Sarah Johnson

THE DYKE AND THE DYBBUK
By Ellen Galford
Virago, £5.99 pbk original

Aunts, as B. Wooster perceptively observed, aren't gentlemen. One can hardly imagine a less likely ally for Wodehouse's hero against the monstrous regiment of aunts than a left-wing, lesbian, Jewish London taxi-driver who reviews films for a shoestring gay-lib magazine.

But in Rainbow Rosenbloom Ellen Galford has created a warm-hearted heroine who might well one day sink into a leather armchair at the Drones, put up her Doc Martens before the fire, and engage Bertie in some mutually supportive anti-aunt consciousness-raising over a snifter or two. Was Bertie's worst enemy not Roderick Spode, the would-be dictator whose followers wore black shorts because someone else had got all the black shirts? Bertie and Rainbow might rub along quite well.

Rainbow has five aunts, each more critical of her lifestyle, clothes, haircut, posture, figure etc. etc. than the last, and all determined to see her married to a nice Jewish boy. At the Passover meal, she is possessed by a dybbuk, the evil spirit of Jewish legend, who was

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Making common cause with P. G. Wodehouse: Ellen Galford

contracted to pursue Rainbow's female ancestors unto the thirty-third generation, but was thwarted by a rabbi soon after entering the mind of her first victim.

How lucky for Rainbow that Kokos, the dybbuk, is also a lesbian: yet how unfortunate that she must persuade Rainbow to procreate — otherwise Kokos (who is the narrator) loses her job and will be redeployed in a desk job for eternity by her demonic employers, Mephistoco plc. In fact, Kokos finds herself falling in love with dogged Rainbow yet must out-aunt the Rosenbloom clan in her match-making skills. She sends her victim head over heels in love with the ultra-orthodox, beautiful Riva, with the aim of tricking Rainbow into marrying into the sect in order to be near her beloved. Rainbow is in Woosterish danger of matrimony: but Kokos does not reckon with the resourcefulness of mortal women.

Perhaps the funniest parts of Galford's highly entertaining farce are the interludes at Mephistoco plc. After 200 years, Kokos comes home to a Hell dominated by late 20th-century corporate strategy and budget restraints. It looks as though the Apocalypse will arrive not with four horsemen but via motorcycle courier.

*Galford plays with parallels be*tween different "secret worlds": lesbians, ultra-orthodox Jews, evil spirits. She also conjures up — with real affection — the magic of Stamford Hill, the north London district which contains the largest Hasidic Jewish community in Europe.

The joke is not just that leather-*clad Rainbow is a refugee from* female stereotyping. When she borrows her aunt's horrendous sky-blue evening skirt to attend a wedding party for the sake of meeting Riva, she is effectively in drag (and has to keep her Doc Martens on). The sharper point is that her aunts are really a string of Jewish mother jokes, with the bitterness removed by transference from motherhood to aunthood. Were Rainbow to be similarly browbeaten by her mother, her story — like Wooster's — would have been sadder. Long live aunts.

Parables of deceit, apostasy and faith

Alastair Bruton

THE FINAL MARTYRS
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Readers of Shusaku Endo's *earlier works will find much* that is familiar to them in *The Final Martyrs*, a collection of his stories written over the last thirty years. Indeed, Endo draws attention to this communality of characters and themes between his novels and short stories, in the preface to this edition.

Shusaku Endo was born in Tokyo, in 1923. He spent his childhood in Manchuria, became a Roman Catholic while still young, and studied French literature in Lyons just after the Second World War. And it is this polymorphous background, so unusual for a Japanese man of his generation, which furnishes the raw material of his fiction.

In these stories, Endo worries at questions of faith, apostasy, and betrayal, constantly reworking the images he associates with them — the look in Jesus's eyes as he is reviled, a child reluctantly making his way up an icy street in Manchuria to a broken home.

But there is nothing earnest here, and there is much that is openly comic, such as his description, in "Japanese in Warsaw", of the Japanese tourists who "waddled off *in single file like ducks*" to the hotel snack-bar in search of loose Polish women.

His characters are sinners rather than saints, misfits oppressed by loss, men suffering for their past. And Endo writes about the lot of these characters — such as Kisuke, the gentle giant in the title story who apostatises, unable to bear the torture of his companions, or the Japanese student who moves in with an elderly pied-noir couple in Lyons — as if he intends the individual distanced from the group, the bewildered foreigner, as a metaphor for the human condition.

Endo has a sharp eye for the revelations contained within the slightness of daily life, and he teases out their wider meaning by the steady application of a pained curiosity. In "A Sixty-Year-Old Man", an elderly writer begins a flirtation with an adolescent schoolgirl whom he meets in a coffee shop. At first he is smugly convinced his motives are innocent. But as his senile lust asserts itself, he has to accept not only that he wants to sleep with her, but that, jealous of her youth and purity, he wants to *do so in order to destroy what he* cannot have.

Nothing in the baseness of his characters surprises Endo, but he resists the temptation to pass judgement. His concern is simply to understand the significance of the events for the protagonist, and his stories have a lightness which belies the seriousness of their themes.

One has a sense of Endo's modesty and of the urgency of his concentration on the conundrums of faith and betrayal. The combining of this modest intensity with the stuff of daily life gives these stories the resonance of parables.

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Ticket to ride side-saddle

This elegant style is making a comeback — but make sure you know what time of day your silk hat is permitted. Jenny MacArthur reports

Side-saddle riding is making a spectacular return to the British equestrian scene. Up and down the country old side-saddles, unused since the 1930s, are being dusted off, re-stuffed and fitted to hunters and showponies, hacks and cobs. The Side Saddle Association, formed in 1974 with eight members, now has 1,200.

There are many reasons for the return to this elegant, stylised form of riding. Roger Philpot, the chairman of the Association, who runs one of the largest side-saddle schools at Pittern Hill in Warwickshire, says: "People love dressing up and it is also something you can do with an average type of horse."

Nicola Taylor, from Oxfordshire, started at the age of 18 for a challenge. "My mother said I would never do it." Within six weeks Mrs Taylor, elegantly attired in silk hat and veil, was cutting a dash with the Bicester Hounds.

Many find it more secure than riding astride. Elizabeth Pope, who is still hunting side-saddle with the Beaufort at the age of 80, says: "You feel much safer — it is more difficult to fall off a side-saddle; the pommels make you feel very secure."

To ride side-saddle, the rider sits with her right leg round the top pommel and the left leg lies below the lower pommel.

Injury provides another reason for taking up the side-saddle. One of the riders who inspired Mrs Pope was the late Major Geoffrey Bishop. He took it up after being badly wounded in the hip during the first world war. "He sat most beautifully," Mrs Pope recalls. "Better than any of the ladies."

When the Side Saddle Association was formed its co-founders, Janet MacDonald and Valerie Francis, were determined to uphold the standards of dress and riding. The association's handbook lays down very specific guidelines on dress.

"Side-saddle habit should be of a restrained hue with long black boots . . . the hem of the jacket should not touch the back of the horse. The bowler hat should be worn with an unwrinkled veil. A silk hat is only correct if worn after midday at shows of county standard."

To make sure the riding of its members matched this elegant turnout, the most skilled side-saddle riders — many of them quite elderly — were recruited to teach. Chief among these was Betty Skelton, from Hampshire. Ms Skelton, who at 83 is still teaching, received no formal training herself. "When I was 16 my father told me that in future I would be riding side-saddle." Her debut was with the family pack of hounds, the Ashford Valley. "No one said anything much except, occasionally, to shorten your reins. If you fell off you were told to hurry up and get back on because you were a nuisance."

There are now 120 qualified instructors in Britain. Mr Philpot, whose own interest started when he looked after the horses of Miss Boultbee-Brooks, a former master of the Warwickshire, reckons he can teach someone to ride side-saddle in seven hours, providing they already ride "decently" astride.

A well-fitting saddle, says Mr Philpot, is 90 per cent of the skill. Because of the lack of good craftsmen making saddles today, the old ones are the best. There are still many about — the 1930s ladies had a different saddle for each horse — but they cost between £750 and £1,000 and can weigh up to 29lb. Mr Philpot, who collects them with the pride of a vintage car owner, has 53.

Those who find it difficult should take heart from Clarissa Dawson, a pupil of Mr Philpot's. Miss Dawson was "disheartened" when she first sat on a side-saddle six years ago, aged 32. "It's harder work, physically, than I had imagined and my right leg would ache and get cramp. You just have to persevere." Last August she became the national champion after winning the Equitation Championship, on her horse Blue Button, at the association's show at Malvern.

Miss Dawson was "horrified" when she first tried to jump. "It felt very unsafe," she says. Most admit that it is difficult to jump well side-saddle, especially in a saddle which does not fit the rider and allow her to get forward. Mr Philpot rates only "about 25 riders" as good.

Despite the perseverance required to jump well, more and more people are taking up the challenge. Last year the association held its first one-day event, in which 18 riders competed. Surprisingly, they were faster across country than those in the class for riding astride.

● *Information on learning to ride side-saddle: the secretary of the Side Saddle Association: Mrs R N James, Highbury House, 19 High Street, Welford, Northampton NN6 7HT.*



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Winner: Clarissa Dawson sits side-saddle on Blue Button

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"Be seen to be safe" is the BHS's slogan for riders on the road. Reflective fetlock boots and reflective tabards are advised. For riding in the dark — which is not recommended — stirrup lights should be worn.

Publications on riding and safety include the new *Highway Code* — which has a complete section on riding — the BHS's *Ride More Safely* and *Simply Safer*, the *Audi Guide to Road Safety and Horse Riding*.

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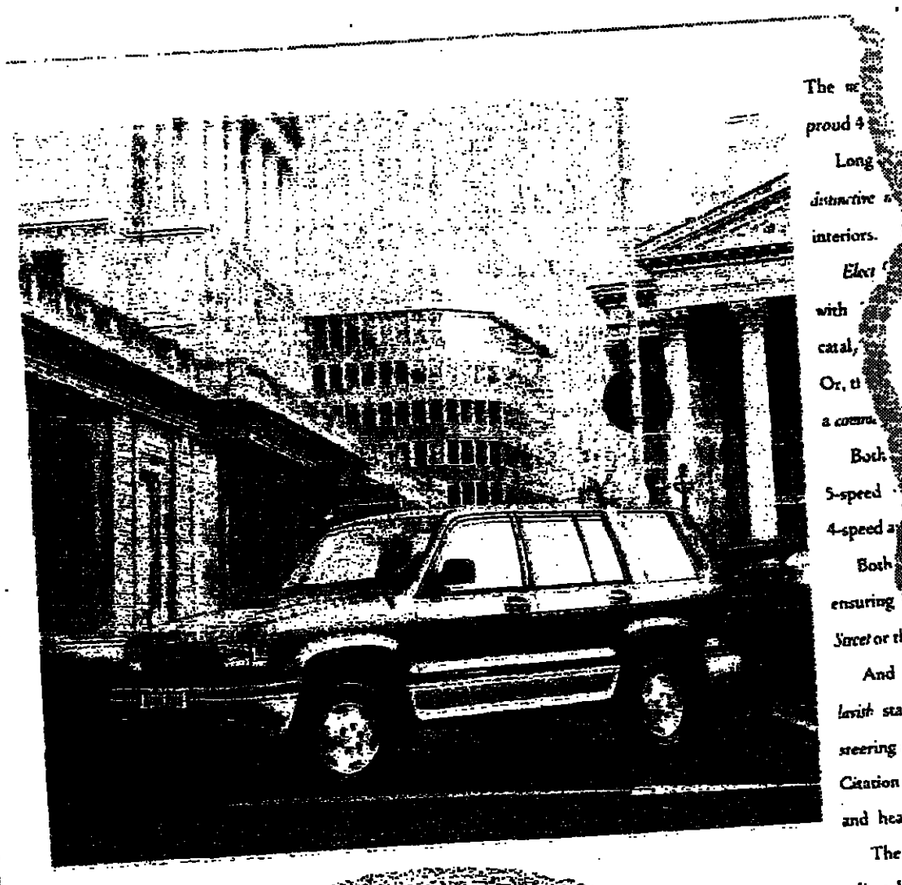
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NRA ready to enter close season battle

BY BRIAN CLARKE

THE decision by the National Rivers Authority (NRA) to review the close season for the coarse fish opens a can of worms big enough to bait every swim in Britain. The close season is regulated by a mishmash of laws and bylaws that have no common basis; it is inevitably abused by some, and highly vocal commercial interests would like to see it abolished.

Though the close season cries out for rationalisation, it is in the interests of angling as a whole that a seasonal break is retained in some sensible form.

Coarse fish have been protected by law since 1878. In 1923 the principle of a close season to protect fish while spawning was introduced and the period from March 14 to June 16 was chosen. Provision was, however, made for this protection to be varied locally, through bylaws.

The variations came thick and fast and were fundamental. In some parts of England and Wales, the rules apply as originally drawn. In others, the rules apply to rivers only, not to lakes or canals. In still others, the dates are different. In Scotland, the West Country and parts of Wales, no season applies at all.

The NRA wants to bring some sense to this. It has said that it is to consult widely; that it is to make a particular study of the scientific evidence on close-season fishing in Britain and elsewhere in Europe; and that it hopes to come up with a view within a year.

The NRA should brace itself for much lobbying. Fishery owners lose money in the close season because all angling stops — or, at least, is supposed to stop. The tackle trade loses business because its customers have no incentive to buy. The match-fishing circuit grinds to a halt. Other specialist factions lose out in other ways.

The result is a situation fraught with danger: vociferous lobbies that see money to be made; the NRA anxious for a public relations success following recent fisheries setbacks; and a significant weight to be placed on scientific data, a factor consistent with the NRA's technical concern for fisheries, but not necessarily with the angler's concern for angling.

Such little data as exists on close seasons in Britain is largely inconclusive. Special care will need to be exercised in filtering out cultural values reflected in the studies on the Continent, because public opinion here would not accept many of the sporting values held there.

At a time of ever greater and proper concern for wildlife and the countryside, perceptions are vital. The knowledge that fish legally could be, and were being, pursued everywhere without relent, even to the extent of being harried while visible and spawning, would be every bit as offensive to public opinion as it would be to millions of ordinary anglers with commercial interest at stake.

In their evidence to the NRA, the wider voices of coarse fishing, no less than those of game fishing and the other field sports, need to come up with a declaration of respect for their quarry. March 14 to June 16 does not protect all coarse fish for the whole of their breeding season, but it does cover most fish at their most vulnerable time.

It is to be hoped that what comes out of the NRA review is a standard close season very near to that originally intended, but one applying to the whole of the country.

Loyalist among Leicester's men of letters

David Hands on Jez Harris, an unsung hero tasting cup final glamour at last

Cup finals in rugby union have become glamorous affairs, with capacity crowds and heady media attention. Yet, quintessentially, they remain club matches: for some players, who will seldom move above their club's senior XV, this is international, World Cup final. Lions all rolled into one.

Jez Harris, who plays stand-off half for Leicester against Harlequins in the Pilkington Cup at Twickenham on Saturday, is one of those. At 28 he accepts he is not going to set the representative world alight, but he is Leicester through and through: he is the backcloth against which the Underwoods, the Carlings, the Guscotts, flash through rugby's sky.

Leicester had another such player, in the same position, when they reached their first cup final 15 years ago. Bleddyn Jones, a slim, quiet Welshman, had, like Harris, sometimes given way to more talented players yet remained when they had gone and would have played his heart out for Leicester. In the five finals the club has played since, the letter J shirt has been occupied by Les Cusworth, behind whom Harris seemed doomed to spend his days.

This is his twelfth season at Welford Road; he joined the club's youth team as a full back from Vipers, but because he seemed more inclined to run than kick and the sitting tenant at stand-off was a kicker, they swapped roles. Every now and then Harris took his turn in the first team, playing alongside Paul Dodge, Clive Woodward and Dusty Hare, internationals all.

He watched Cusworth and learnt from him, and when the great man retired in 1990, Harris thought his chance had come. Instead, along came Brian Smith, the Australian then studying at Oxford, and the apprenticeship went on; in 1991 Smith turned to rugby league and the vacancy recurred. Harris played in the first ten games of the 1991-2 season and was then dropped in favour of Gerry Ainscough, the recruit from Orrell.

Harris might have been excused a degree of satisfaction when Bath spread Ainscough and Leicester all over the Recreation Ground. "It was frustrating and I did think I had been hard done by," Harris said. "I hadn't started the season well, but I felt I had just begun to play when Gerry arrived. I nearly said I had had enough.

"I thought I still had a few more years left, and I couldn't see myself going back to junior rugby. Anyway, I believed I could play as well as Gerry — I wasn't to know he would return to Orrell. This season has been my first full one for the club, and I think it has been my most consistent."

Harris's reaction to disappointment is indicative of the stubborn streak that has helped him to Twickenham. He does not straddle the stage with the arrogance of the best stand-off halves, but on Saturday he will be entitled to carry his 5ft 7in, 12st 7lb frame with a swagger when he shares the pitch with Lions as well as Tigers with his opposite an England A player and the man aiming to cut him down Peter Winterbottom.

"Jez has got better and better this season." Cusworth said. "He has grown in confidence, he has started to trust his hands and spread the ball, which has brought a far better balance to his game. When he dropped that goal in the semi-final against Northampton you could see his chin go out. If he gets a start like that at Twickenham, it will mean the world to him.

Cusworth continued: "Paul Dodge has worked with the backs this year and his influence has meant a lot to Jez."

Harris helps to fabricate steel hulls for canal-going boats at his brother-in-law's firm at Market Harborough, where he was brought up. If at times he thought he had been sold down the river, this season has made up for everything. "It's what I have dreamt of," he said. "As long as we play to our capabilities I can't see us losing."

If Harris emerges victorious, his will be the triumph of the club men, of whom Harlequins have their share. Next season Niall Malone, the Ireland stand-off, is expected to join Leicester and Harris will face yet another challenge. It was ever thus, and after Saturday, he will be better equipped to repel it. Maybe, in Leicester parlance, J can now stand for Jez.



Final rehearsal: Harris prepares for Twickenham at Welford Road yesterday. Photograph: Ross Kinnaird

Chance to see Lewis in action

THE Times and Sky Sports have combined to offer a VIP trip for two to Las Vegas for the world heavyweight boxing title bout between Lennox Lewis and Tony Tucker next week, as the first prize for a special competition.

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Madderson picked for final

CHRIS Madderson, the Durham University student who made his senior debut for Harlequins less than a month ago, will play on the wing against Leicester in the Pilkington Cup final on Saturday (David Hands writes). Madderson, 20, wins the place ahead of the more experienced Everton Davis and Mike Wedderburn, both of whom have appeared in previous finals.

At 6ft 2in and 13st 10lb, Madderson will present hefty opposition to England's Lion, Rory Underwood, in a Harlequins XV, 11 of whom played when losing 23-0 to Leicester in a league match last month. With Will Carling, who missed the cup semi-final against Wasps, fit again, Mark Evans is omitted from the centre.

The main selection debate centred on the back five of the pack. Richard Langhorn, who has also suffered from injury this season, plays at lock in place of Simon Dear, and Chris Sheasby retains his position at No 8.

Harlequins, who are frequently accused of poaching players, can point with pride to the fact that ten of the team have never played for another senior club, 11 if Kent Bray, the Australian, is included.

Madderson is a good example of a player on a learning curve. The youngster from Tonbridge has made his way through the club's youth teams, as has Jeff Alexander on the other wing. Neither Neil Edwards nor David Pears was considered because of long-term fitness problems.

Andrew Harriman, who captained England to their World Sevens victory earlier this month, has not concealed a difference of opinion with Jamie Salmon, the club coaching organiser, and has not played in Harlequins' senior team since the new year.

Whatever his achievements in sevens, they were never likely to override that personality clash.

HARLEQUINS: K Bray, C Madderson, W Carling, G Thompson, J Alexander, P Challinor, R Glenister, J Leonard, B Moore, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, R Langhorn, P Winterbottom, C Sheasby. Replacements: S Thresher, M Evans, R Goodwin, M Hobley, N Kilick, S Dear.

Johnson moves into limelight as curtain goes up at Woburn

Patricia Davies previews a vital season for Europe's women professional golfers

TRISH Johnson, professional golfer and, increasingly in recent weeks, sporting celebrity, will be attempting to win her third tournament in a row when she plays in the Ford Classic, which starts at Woburn today.

The tournament marks the start of the women's professional season in Europe — the tour officially started in Malaysia in January, but that is so long ago even Karen Lunn may have forgotten she won — and what the players and officials fervently hope will be a new, bright beginning, taking their game into the mainstream of sport.

Johnson is doing her bit. She loves the limelight and she has won twice already this month in the United States, where the money is good, the competition fierce and the opposition uncompromising. Win there and you must be good. That is why Johnson has been attracting all the attention. Only three other Europeans have won consecutive events in America, and they are all men — Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam.

Like Johnson, Laura Davies has eschewed the riches of the Sprint Classic in Tallahassee, offering more than $1 million in prize money, to be at the Ford, which is worth £70,000.

Terry Coates, who plays off a handicap of ten at Kingswood in Surrey, confesses that once upon a time he might have taken the same chauvinist attitude to the women's professional game as most of the other members of his sex. Coates has recently replaced Andrea Doyle, ousted after only 18 months in office, as the new executive director of the WPGET (Women's Professional Golfers' European Tour). Following an agm at which Davies and Johnson were two of five new appointments to the board, he is now talking of his players being ambassadors and using words such as "inspirational".

Coates, who is 62 and was worldwide head of marketing services for British Airways before moving to Hewlett Packard as communications director, is used to influencing matters at the highest level, and his enthusiasm seems to have fired the tour. Doyle's demise was due largely to an abrasive manner — the fact that she knew little or nothing about golf and showed no inclination to learn did not bother her, but it started to bother other people a lot. On first meeting, Coates is altogether more affable and, from a golfing point of view, more credible. He played with Davies in the pro-am yesterday, and the ability to converse with players, sponsors and potential sponsors, about the game is a skill that should not be underestimated.



Johnson: in form

The Doyle interlude highlighted its importance. Golf, as she was fond of saying, is not rocket science, but discussing it is an art. The likes of Richard George, boss of Weetabix, the tour's leading sponsor, and Gilles Hennessy, of the Cognac people, a long-time supporter of the tour, should feel more at ease with Coates at the helm.

His job is to persuade them that the tour is still a perfect marketing vehicle for their product and to influence others to follow their lead. The tour's schedule numbers 15 tournaments — the Volvo Tour boasts 38, while the seniors, often viewed as a serious threat to the women, have reached a round dozen.

Coates acknowledges that the lack of exposure, especially on television, is a problem, but he was dismissive of the seniors' threat. "Our players are the best in the world," he said. "If they played the senior tour, they would beat the pants off them, and I mean off the same tees." As all boxing matchmakers know, a bit of hype never goes amiss — perhaps Coates should contact Tony Gray, who is in charge of the seniors, and suggest a challenge match.

When Charlie Mecham, commissioner of the women's tour in America, first took over he found his players constantly comparing themselves, generally unfavourably, with the other tours, instead of concentrating on their own virtues. Over the last few years he has made a definite effort to promote their sense of self-worth and confidence.

Now Mecham's problem is in trying to maintain morale in the face of European success. First there was the historic victory by Mickey Walker's European team in the Solheim Cup at Dalmahoy last year and, most recently, three successive victories in the US — Johnson's wins were preceded by Helen Alfredsson's triumph in the Nabisco Dinah Shore, the first major championship of the season.

Coates's problem is simpler and yet more difficult — to translate those European successes into more tournaments and more money in Europe and to persuade the recalcitrant media and the public at large to take his product seriously. At least he should be well used to fighting for a minority — he plays golf left-handed.

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Caddick and Lathwell head new generation

Alan Lee anticipates stirring deeds from the rising talents that have brought optimism to Somerset and may refresh the England team

ENGLISH cricket presently has more questions than answers. Can the decline of the Test team be arrested before concern turns to derision? Will the new county structure confound its detractors by entertaining those who watch and improving those who play? And, perhaps most important of all to the paying public, where are the new generation heroes?

Today at Southampton, as the Britannic Assurance county championship begins in novel and controversial form, two young men are ready with some answers. Andy Caddick and Mark Lathwell cannot alone solve England's chronic difficulties, any more than they can justify four-day cricket to the masses. But they can play an influential part and, in doing so, become the crowd favourites for which the game longs.

Given that one is a beanpole from New Zealand who bowls with metronomic control and the other is an elfin-sized Devonian who bats with untutored abandon, it is a coincidence that they ended up in the same Somerset team and curious that they are mentioned in the same breath.

Everything about them is different, from Caddick's tunnel vision of cricketing goals to Lathwell's engaging impression that he would as soon be back playing for the village side at Braunton. And yet, in a swelling chorus, Caddick and Lathwell come together as a conversation piece. They are the flavour of the month and a cast of converts believe they must be inked in now for the start of England's Ashes challenge.

Too soon, can I hear from the conservatives? Nonsense. In another country, both would have been pitched in already, for Caddick has virtues painfully absent from recent England bowling attacks and Lathwell is as close to a batting natural as any young Englishman since the old-timer he opposes today, David Gower.

In a recent newspaper poll of county captains, no fewer than ten singled out Lathwell as their player to follow this season. Five mentioned Caddick, which may betray our native preference for batting flair over bowling dependability.

Caddick, at 24 three years older than Lathwell, is the more likely to be in England's first Test team this summer. Indeed his county coach, Bob Cottam, has already resigned himself to losing him. "I think he is a certainty," Cottam says, "and rightly so. We cannot go on picking underachievers."

After taking 71 wickets in his first full season, Caddick is anything but that. He has subsequently impressed for England A in Australia and, last week at Chelmsford, bowled well enough against Essex to have Graham Gooch nodding regularly in appreciation from the receiving end.

Jack Russell kept wicket to him in Australia, and again last week. "He is so consistent," he said. "Hardly bowls a bad ball and gets it to go away from the right-hander off the seam. But what I like about him is his attitude. He knows what he wants to do and, by and large, he does it."

This is a recurring theme about the young man whose haircut, wristbands, run-up and birthplace are uncannily reminiscent of Sir Richard Hadlee. It is his attitude, they all say. Some go further, suggesting he will never be popular with his peers because he is unsociable, but Caddick is not the type to mind about that.

Norman Gifford, coach to the England A team on tour, believes Caddick could fulfil the role which Angus Fraser performed so nobly. But he will also do it less demonstratively than Fraser, as he showed last week. There are no histrionics, no flashes of temper. When the third catch went down off him, Caddick's deadpan expression flickered into a wry smile, then he turned on his heel again. Stoical, reliable, channelled. But talented, too.

Lathwell can do things of which few other batsmen are capable and which he himself cannot explain. To prolong comparisons with Gower, he also does some indescribably silly things.

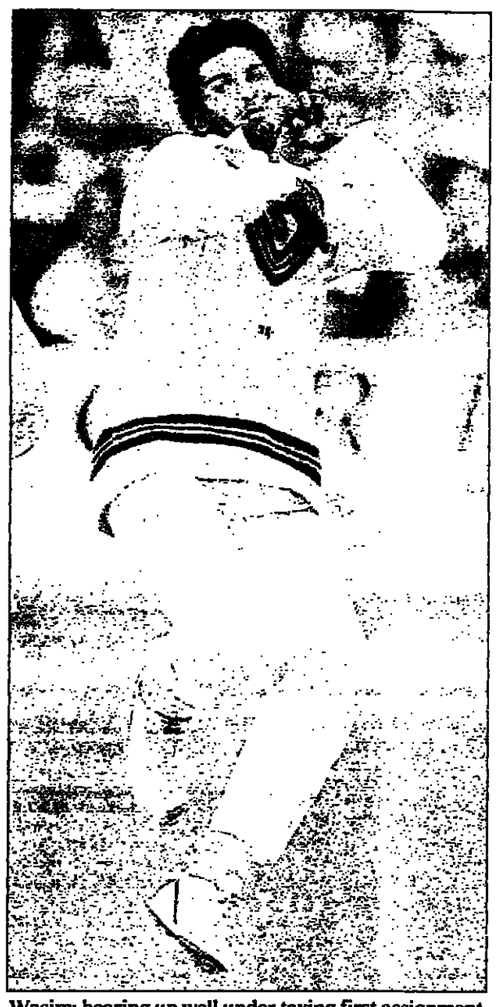
"I just hope no one tries to change him," Russell says. "When I captained him, I just let him get on with it. If he wants to waft away without moving his feet, let him, he'll soon learn. Lathers will be inconsistent until he tightens a few things up but he plays shots that make you blink."

Elsewhere, today, are other young pretenders who may wrest the 1993 glory, like Surrey's precocious Alistair Brown, Martin Speight, of Sussex, and Peter Such, the "young fogey" coming good at last through the confidence instilled in him at Essex.

But on this, the most intoxicating of all the false dawns in our cricket calendar, Lathwell and Caddick will play in their own, very different ways for the Somerset side which, to my mind, has the best outsiders' chance of upsetting Essex in a refreshingly authentic championship.

Wasim keeps up flagging spirits

BY JOHN WOODCOCK



Wasim: bearing up well under taxing first assignment as Pakistan captain despite tasting two Test defeats

AFTER dropping in on the Pakistanis at breakfast yesterday, I came away impressed by the atmosphere within their camp. It was not one of resignation but of anticipation, and the captain described himself as having come out of the dumps of the day before.

To give Wasim Akram such a difficult task on which to cut his teeth as captain, when his own play is the team's greatest asset, seemed to me at the time, and still does, a move of doubtful wisdom. I think he himself would agree, especially in the field, there have been times when he has been overwhelmed by the pressures.

Javed Miandad would have been more in his element, and he had, after all, won three of his last five Tests as captain, two against England and one against New Zealand. But one would need a degree in insider dealing to understand all that goes on in the cricket world in Pakistan, and Wasim is genuinely hopeful of a better result in the last Test in Antigua, starting on Saturday.

He is reasonably happy with the progress of his young bowlers, and delighted with Basit Ali's form. Basit has been held back by a reputation for not fancying fast bowling; but that has yet to show itself here, and it is to his advantage that he has spent his season playing four-day cricket rather than flogging round the world with Pakistan's top side, playing one-day internationals.

Wasim is in no doubt whatever that his own game, like that of many others, has suffered from a surfeit of one-day cricket. Time and again, he finds himself going in with no alternative but to attempt a three or four over slog. It is also cramping him as an attacking bowler.

In concentrating on containment in the one-day game he has mislaid his natural last stride, which accounts to some extent for his having bowled 41 no-balls in 72 overs in the first two Tests of this series. While not wanting to be drawn on it, Wasim also puts Waqar's failure to make any real impression down to being "endlessly on the road".

Wasim was concerned at the standard of the bowling, fast as well as slow, at the last candidates' camp in Pakistan. There was much less talent than there would have been a few years back owing, he feels, to a lack of good coaching, a shortage of well-maintained grounds, tied to clubs or organisations, and of physical fitness among domestic first-class players.

Javed talks of a good young leg spinner playing for Habib Bank, but such prospects would seem to be few and far between. By the same token, Wasim is of the opinion that the West Indies under-23 side that Pakistan played when they were here in 1987-8, was clearly stronger than the one they beat in Grenada the other day.

Although duly impressed by the professionalism of Richie Richardson's Test side, from what Wasim has seen elsewhere he believes West Indies could well struggle in a year or two to find four fast bowlers good enough to maintain their remarkable run of success.

"West Indies just roll on," was a front-page headline in one of yesterday morning's papers in Barbados, and so, for the moment, they do.

After playing against both England and Australia within the past year, the Pakistan captain gives Australia narrowly the better chance of winning the Ashes this summer. He would have David Gower back in the England side, and is one of Robin Smith's many admirers.

Hardly surprisingly, after the Bridgetown Test match, Wasim joins most other Test captains as an advocate of neutral umpires, or at any rate, of an international panel. "It is so much easier to accept mistakes when they are made by neutral umpires," he says.

In Karachi in October, Wasim will marry Huma. The marriage was "semi-arranged" — in other words, they arranged the arrangement themselves. She studied child psychology for four years at University College London ("which will help her understand me!" Wasim says), and will become the wife of one of sport's great natural talents, whose career will benefit from there being something more to life than cricket.

☐ Ken Benjamin may join the West Indies squad for the Test in Antigua because of injuries sustained by Ian Bishop and Winston Benjamin in Barbados.

Worcestershire will be without Benjamin for their county championship match against Nottinghamshire today.

Chapple and Daley step out with confidence of youth

Michael Henderson looks at the prospects for two young players who made favourable first impressions

SPINSTERS in spas do it. Duchesses when opening bazaars do it. At the start of a season, everyone is at it, wondering who will make the cricketers of tomorrow. The lack of serious candidates will never diminish the fascination of trying to identify the young men who can escape the net of mediocrity.

Neither Glen Chapple, of Lancashire, nor Jimmy Daley, of Durham, is an established first-teamer, so each is untainted by that most enervating affliction, collective failure. At 19, both have had greater experience of playing for Young England than for their counties but it will be surprising if either fails to come on significantly in the next four months.

Both are flowers rooted in native soil. Chapple, a swing and seam bowler, of medium-fast pace, is Lancashire's best prospect since Paul Allott and a handy bat to boot. Daley is a right-handed batsman who favours the front foot.

Chapple admits he is "not express". How many English bowlers ever were? The people who lament our lack of fast bowlers, like those who wonder what became of our film-makers, are missing the point. We never had many in the first place. Those who have watched Chapple regularly summon, as a model, a younger Neil Foster, which is a good enough endorsement.

In his two championship appearances last year, notably in an innings victory at Edgbaston when Warwickshire were still title challengers, Chapple revealed an ability to run the ball away from the bat and occasionally cut it back. Moreover, his control of line might even have satisfied Yorkshire's most famous stereophonic grumbler.

Like many other young bowlers, what he needs most is regular first-team cricket and an additional yard of pace. Although Peter Marron's Old Trafford pitches remain a runmaker's delight, there is pace and bounce to encourage the half-decent bowler.

When he first attended nets at Appleton CC, the eight-year-old Jimmy Daley felt so intimidated by the coach, Les Peel, that he burst into tears. Ten years later, he made such a mature impression on his first-class debut that Durham have high hopes of him.

It was precisely to bring through players such as Daley that they were invited to join the professional fold. As recently as two years ago, a gifted cricketer from the North-East would go to Northampton or wherever to test his potential. Now he can stay in his own backyard.

Daley is that increasingly rare bird, the working-class cricketer. The son of a miner, he was brought up in Hetton-le-Hole, the birthplace of Bob Paisley, the former manager of Liverpool. Unusually for one so close to Newcastle and Sunderland, Daley's football loyalties lie with Anfield.

Durham's *éboulement* after their NatWest Trophy victory over Middlesex last July ensured that Daley would be given his head. When his name was mooted for the Glamorgan match the following month he was "not quite ready" but when the call came, for the last two matches, he responded with assurance. Despite heavy defeats, he made 88 against Somerset and an unbeaten 80 against Lancashire. Now, in the absence of Dean Jones, he has suddenly progressed from debutant to responsible middle-order batsman.

On his debut, Daley found himself beaten by Neil Mallender "three balls in every six". He attributes his swiftness in settling to the generosity of team-mates. To bat after Larkins, Fowler, Parker and Botham is a terribly big adventure for the teenager but there is no shortage of local sages who believe he is up to the job.



Chapple: in the swing



Daley: forcing batsman

SPORTS LETTERS

Ungentlemanly conduct tarnishes football

From Lord Howell

Sir, The unfortunate accident to Steve Morrow at the conclusion of the Coca-Cola Cup final (report, April 19) prompts thoughts about other developments in the game which ought to be eliminated without delay. There are two such practices which are unedifying and unsporting.

The first of these is when the scorer of a goal collapses to the ground in a theatrical gesture and his team-mates heap on top of him to embrace and, as we have seen on our screens, to hug and kiss him. Players should be told that they are participating in a football match, not a love match. This behaviour is ungentlemanly conduct and should be dealt with as such.

Next is the habit of other goalscorers leaving the pitch, jumping over the advertising boards and offering a salutation to their supporters. They have offended against the laws of the game, which clearly state that no player should leave the pitch when the game is in progress without the permission of the referee, nor, in fact, return to it.

I am astonished to be told that senior FA officials have stated that, as a goal has been scored, the game is not therefore in progress at this point, and no offence has been committed. This is a ludicrous interpretation. The game is in progress from the moment the referee blows his whistle to start the match until he blows it to end the match and his authority has to be maintained over that whole period.

In the 1974 World Cup, the player Cruyff was cautioned for an offence committed in the tunnel at half-time. This year, the Football Association has been fined SwFr 1,000 for an incident at the close of the World Youth Cup in Australia when, after the penalty shoot-out, the England goalkeeper led his colleagues in jumping over the advertising hoardings to salute their supporters. They have also been cautioned and asked to pay a substantial sum for the damage to the hoardings caused when the same supporters then came on to the pitch.

It is to be hoped that the FA will instruct referees to apply the Fifa judgment to all English games next season. Players leaving the field should be cautioned and it might be a good idea for referees not to let them back on immediately.

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Gooch has profited with spin

From Mr Mervyn Benford

Sir, One of the more accurate observations on the England cricket tour to India was that present English batsmen cannot play spin. One of the more obtuse was, as part of a gathering critique of Gooch's captaincy, that he could not manage as a captain with spin bowlers to deploy.

This ignored the great success with Childs and Such for Essex. Both could have been picked for India. Such had great success with the England A team in Australia, but it was Salisbury who was summoned to cover Emburey's failings. Quality spin is a long Essex tradition.

Last weekend's drubbing by Essex of the best of England's alternatives was engineered by Gooch the batsman (who has few difficulties playing spin himself, but is often out before the spinners come on), by Such and Childs, the spinners, and by Gooch, the captain who deployed them.

Perhaps in selection meetings Gooch should be less modest and argue the qualities of Essex players. Ilott and Hussain made their cases last weekend, the former in another long line of Essex seam-bowling tradition.

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No application

From Mr R. J. Allen

Sir, The article by Adrian Holloway concerning the future of Brighton and Hove Albion football club (early editions, April 22) contains an error of fact. Hove Borough Council has not refused planning permission for a new football stadium at Toads Hole Valley. There has never been such an application.

Contrary to the intransigence implied, the council undertook public consultation over the much publicised notion of a stadium, and associated retail superstores, in that designated area of outstanding natural beauty. The public were overwhelmingly opposed to the proposal.

The council has refused planning permission for redevelopment of the club's Goldstone Ground for retail use. It is not the role of any local authority to have regard to the aspirations of landowners to increase the mortgage value of their sites. The decision was based on material planning considerations only. The glib criticism of Hove Borough Council attributed to the managing director of Brighton and Hove Albion is wholly unfounded.

Yours faithfully,
R. ALLEN,
Chairman, Planning and Development Committee,
Hove Borough Council,
Town Hall, Hove, Sussex.

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Physical cost

From Mr John Legge

Sir, In response to Professor Russell's letter (April 22) expressing concern over the effect of road running on the human frame, I can say that after more than 40 years of running in marathon and longer-distance races, my own joints appear to be in reasonable condition. I know of very few others with serious problems in this respect.

A possible answer may lie in the large choice of running shoes, which clearly were not available to Pheidippides! Additionally, excellent advice is available, especially to the novice runner, in the many athletic publications now on offer.

Professor Russell's misgivings are not new and there must clearly be some risk to joints, but this should be weighed against the overwhelming evidence that running, whether serious or recreational, improves the well-being of thousands of people.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. LEGGE, Chairman,
Road running committee,
Amateur Athletic Association of England,
225a Bristol Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham.

From Miss J. Lawson

Sir, I taught classical dance for twenty years at both royal ballet schools and for twenty years I also worked with Justin Howse, our orthopaedic adviser, and with him at the Dance Remedial Clinic, where I helped to get dancers back to work. I can therefore vouch for the acute aches and pains suffered by members of both companies whenever they returned from tours during which they had had to dance on concrete stages.

Most of the male dancers suffered from acutely inflamed calves and — if they turned expert pirouettes — from swollen metacarpal joints and toes. Girls were more affected by painful Achilles tendons, toes and in some cases, if they had hyperextended legs, swollen knees.

In both cases, it could take up to two months for dancers to get back to normal classwork and rehearsal.

Both companies now take their own stages so that they are able to use the floor as the springboard and feel the floor to give them the necessary impetus.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN LAWSON,
11 Hallswelle Road, NW11.

Musical choice

From Mr S. G. N. Ashfield

Sir, If Mr Chapman (Sports Letters, April 22) got his way and we no longer had commentators at televised football matches, I'm sure the producers, who clearly hate silence, would give us unceasing "plink-a-plonk" music.

Which would he prefer? I know my choice.

Yours sincerely,
S. G. N. ASHFIELD,
81 Valliers Wood Road,
Sidcup, Kent.

Price handicap

From Mr W. F. Bond

Sir, Following the Reverend I. Hawkins's excellent letter about cricket team selection (April 22), why not consider handicapping Premier and Football League clubs according to the value of their teams, based on transfer fees? After all, it makes little sense that teams with comparatively modest incomes should be expected to compete on even terms with the "cheque-book" clubs.

Let clubs be handicapped by deducting points before the start of each season, say one point for every £1 million paid in transfer fees. Perhaps then ridiculous prices might become a thing of the past. Club youth policies would suddenly assume greater importance, players wouldn't be under pressure because of high transfer-fee tags and the money saved would be put to good use by improving ground facilities and reducing prices.

But why stop there? Can anyone (apart from some football managers) possibly object to punishing clubs with abysmal disciplinary records by deducting points, say, one point for each sending-off? Minds would be concentrated wonderfully.

Yours faithfully,
W. F. BOND,
Laurel Cottage,
Gunthorpe Hall,
Melton Constable, Norfolk.

Bishop in injury doubt

DERBYSHIRE will try to sign another overseas player if Ian Bishop, their West Indian fast bowler, is unable to play for them this season (Ivo Tennant writes). He is to have a scan on his troublesome back after being injured during the second Test match against Pakistan, two years after a similar injury put his career in jeopardy.

Derbyshire do not play today, when the opening Britannic Assurance county championship matches start. But as Kim Barnett, their captain, said yesterday, they have precious little time to find a replacement. The Test and County Cricket Board's registration committee is likely to look favourably on the club's plight since Bishop was neither injured while playing for his county nor in England.

Another injured player, Robin Smith, hopes to be fit to play for Hampshire against Somerset after having 18 stitches inserted in a head wound and suffering mild concussion on Tuesday. He ran into advertising hoardings while taking a spectacular catch against Combined Universities.

Experience sees Durham home

HARTLEPOOL (Minor Counties won toss): Durham beat Minor Counties by six wickets

DURHAM needed all the experience of their senior professionals to gain a six-wicket victory in their delayed Benson and Hedges Cup match against the Minor Counties at Hartlepool yesterday.

Chasing a target of 156 for eight, they scrambled home with seven balls to spare to set up a home tie with Hampshire, the holders, on May 11. Wayne Larkins hit 42 before falling in the 39th over to bring Ian Botham in at 89 for three.

Durham still needed 45 off the last ten overs, but Botham eased the tension by pulling Keith Arnold for six. The target became 15 from three overs when Phil Bainbridge pulled Geoff Miller, the former England all-rounder, straight to mid wicket, but Botham clipped the third ball of Arnold's penultimate over for six over square leg and finished unbeaten on 35.

It had promised to be an uphill struggle for Durham from the first over of their innings when Graeme Fowler, their new recruit from Lancashire, was leg before wicket to Paul Newman without a run on the board.

The Minor Counties chose to bat and many of their players contributed to their own downfall with Andy Fothergill, of Durham, earning the gold award for four catches and a stumping.

MINOR COUNTIES

S J Dean c Fothergill b Brown	5
N R Gaywood c Botham b Brown	4
M J Roberts c Fothergill b Hughes	18
†I Cockbain c Fothergill b Bainbridge	33
N J Adams c Fothergill b Hughes	11
J Derrick c Fowler b Bainbridge	13
P G Newman st Fothergill b Bainbridge	6
G Miller not out	22
†M I Humphries b Wood	27
K A Arnold not out	4
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 5)	13
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	156

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-17, 3-35, 4-55, 5-79, 6-85, 7-100, 8-145.

A Smith did not bat

BOWLING: Wood 8-2-19-1, Brown 9-2-32-2, Botham 6-0-21-0; Hughes 10-2-35-2; Gravesney 11-2-17-0, Bainbridge 11-1-24-3

DURHAM

W Larkins lbw b Newman	42
G Fowler lbw b Newman	0
I Smith c Humphries b Smith	34
P Bainbridge c Cockbain b Miller	34
I T Botham not out	35
P W G Parker not out	3
Extras (lb 7, w 2)	9
Total (4 wkts, 53.5 overs)	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-66, 3-89, 4-142.

†A R Fothergill, J Wood, *D A Graveney, S P Hughes and S J E Brown did not bat

BOWLING: Newman 10-3-23-2, Arnold 10.5-2-45-0, Miller 11-1-29-1, Derrick 11-2-30-0, Smith 11-2-23-1.

Umpires: P Wiley and B J Meyer

CORRECTION: Benson and Hedges Cup (April 27): Derbyshire beat Gloucestershire by losing fewer wickets with scores level, not as published

REVISED BENSON AND HEDGES CUP. FIRST ROUND DRAW: Derbyshire v Middlesex; Durham v Hampshire; Glamorgan v Sussex; Leicestershire v Warwickshire; Nottinghamshire v Somerset; Surrey v Lancashire, Worcestershire v Essex; Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

TALPINE

(b) Very like a mole, from the Latin *talpa* adapted by Old French as *taulpe*, modern French *taupe* a mole; Frederick Baron Corvo, *Hadrian VII*: "His hands twitched and pattered down and up and down in a talpine manner."

MUNDITY

(c) Cleansing, cleanliness, from the Latin *mundus* clean, cf. Horace, *Ad Pyrrham*: "... *Simplex munditiis*"; Frederick Baron Corvo, *Hadrian VII*: "The corridor where the rector had made coarse jokes about his mundity to obsequious grinners."

PYX

(a) The vessel in which the host or consecrated bread of the sacrament is reserved, from the Greek *puxis* a box, *puxos* a box tree; Fr. Rolfe, *Hadrian VII*: "He took the beautiful crucifix from his neck: the pyx from his breast."

CONTORTUPLICATIONS

(a) Twistings together, convolutions, from the Latin *contortus* twisted together + *plicatus* folded; Frederick Baron Corvo, *Hadrian VII*: "But there should be no merely human contortuplications." "The snarl'd and contortuplicated affairs of the State."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The a-pawn is so strong that white can get by without his queen, e.g. 1 Qxf6! gxf6 2 Rxe7+ Kg6 3 a7, and there is no defence against the white bishop coming to c6 via b5.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Mansell's Indy 500 attempt threatened

NIGEL Mansell's attempt to join the select band of drivers who have won the Formula One world championship and the Indianapolis 500 motor race was dealt a blow yesterday when he entered hospital for an operation to relieve internal bleeding (Oliver Holt writes).

Doctors have identified a build-up of blood and fluid in his lower back and the driver faces a five-day hospital stay near his home in Clearwater, Florida. Mansell, 39, insisted he would compete in the race on May 30, but will miss the "rookie orientation programme" this weekend. Indianapolis race organisers have agreed to waive this requirement and allow him to arrive in Indianapolis three days before the "pole day" qualifying session which determines final starting grid positions.

Mansell, the reigning Formula One world champion and top-placed IndyCar driver, was injured on April 3 when he crashed his Newman-Haas Lola Ford during practice at the Phoenix International Raceway. He competed at Long Beach two weeks later and finished third but has not recovered fully. "I have been in considerable discomfort since Phoenix," he said yesterday.

Scotland begin badly

SQUASH: Scotland's defence of the men's European team championship began badly in Aix-en-Provence yesterday when they lost 4-0 to Germany on the first day of the pool rounds that decide play-off positions in tomorrow's semi-final stages. Peter Nicol, the young Scottish champion who secured his country's place in last year's final with a last-string victory over England, was still on his way to France from the Tournament of Champions in New York when his colleagues met Germany in pool one of group A.

By the time he arrived, Scotland were 3-0 down and he could only watch helplessly as Mark Maclean lost in straight games to the German first string, Hansi Wiens, to seal the defeat. The championship, reduced from five-man to four-man teams, looks more open than previously with Finland and Holland close behind Germany in the hunt for top positions. Ireland went down 3-1 to Sweden while Wales beat Austria 3-1 in pool two of group B.

Rule changes agreed

RUGBY UNION: Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have agreed to comply with International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) rules and drop breaks held midway through each half of matches in their Super 10 competition, Eddie Tonks, the IRFB chairman, said yesterday. The southern hemisphere countries have also agreed to stop allowing the substitution of players during matches in the competition, which involves leading provincial and state teams from the three and Western Samoa, he said. Tonks, who is chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, said the Super 10 matches next weekend would be played in accordance with IRFB rules.

Snell quits at the top



SKIING: Julia Snell, left, the Great Britain No 1, has retired from freestyle ballet skiing after 13 years. Snell, 29, from Southampton, became the first British skier to win a World Cup gold medal in a specialist ski discipline when she won at Madarao, Japan last year. She has been ranked among the leading five women for the past four years. Snell plans to stay in freestyle coaching and management.

Sánchez struggles on

TENNIS: Arantxa Sánchez Vicario overcame a stomach ailment and an adventurous performance by Beate Reinstatler to reach the second round of the women's open in Hamburg yesterday. The Spaniard took 101 minutes to emerge with a 7-6, 6-3 victory but struggled to win the first set after leading 5-2. Steffi Graf had her right ankle taped after the third game, but she needed just 52 minutes to reach the third round with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Leila Meskhi.

☐ Boris Becker will join Pete Sampras, Stefan Edberg, Goran Ivanisevic, Ivan Lendl and Michael Stich in the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club, London, from June 7 to 13.

Boardman on board

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, the Olympic gold medal-winner, heads the entry for the Tour of Lancashire that starts tomorrow in Bolton. Boardman, who won the three-day event last year, is competing as part of his preparation for an attempt, probably in July, on the world one-hour record of 31.9 miles, established nine years ago in Mexico by Francesco Moser, the Italian professional. For many of the other 119 riders, the 280-mile test will be their final chance to gain selection for Britain's two amateur teams in the Milk Race at the end of May. The Lancashire tour is open, and the powerful Banana team has recruited two guest riders, Mark Walsham and Ben Luckwell, for the event.

James splashes out

GOLF: Mark James, used to facing downhill putts, yesterday lined up a downstream one on the flooded first green at Cannes Mougins, moments before the pro-am which precedes the Cannes Open was abandoned. Severiano Ballesteros, well rested after the Masters, was among those unable to complete rounds. Ballesteros's return to the tournament at Mougins, which he won in 1987, is seen as an affair of honour. He missed the cut in 1988 after being paid a reported $80,000 in appearance money. Sam Torrance seeks his third win of the year and a chance to head the European order of merit.

McColgan halts slide

SPORT ON TELEVISION: Liz McColgan's appearance in the NutraSweet London Marathon last week, in a three-year deal making her the highest-paid marathon runner, helped to halt the event's declining television audience interest. After three successive years on the slide, the live BBC coverage was watched by an average of 5.6 million people, the Broadcasting Audience Research Bureau (BARB) said yesterday. Last year the figure was down to 4.8 million. The Coca-Cola Cup final between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday at Wembley on April 18, televised by ITV, was watched by 10.5 million people, BARB reported.

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Larder sums up Widnes approach

BARRY GREENWOOD



Facing his sternest test: Larder trains his squad at Widnes yesterday in readiness for Saturday's Challenge Cup final against Wigan

Christopher Irvine on the British coach whose method has earned his side a Wembley visit

PHIL Larder is the man who wrote rugby league's coaching manual; some say he swallowed it. When the gamekeeper turned poacher in taking control at Widnes at the start of the season, his critics expected him to fall flat on his face. Instead, they are on a diet of humble pie.

Larder had never coached a club before, merely instructed others how to do it. He was the sport's director of coaching for nine years and assisted the Great Britain team. His methodology, based on an Australian model of statistical analysis, is anathema to the English school of hard knocks, although one or two of the game's traditionalists may be tempted to invest in a video, clipboard and a place on his coaching scheme.

In taking Widnes to the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final on Saturday, Larder becomes the first British coach to reach Wembley since Alex Murphy did with St Helens in 1989. Whether he can emulate Malcolm Reilly's Castleford team seven years ago, and also end an Antipodean monopoly that has lasted since, will take some calculation after an awful few days.

With forwards dropping like ninepins and a back five held together by needles and sticking plaster, Larder is entitled to look worried. He believes in bags of work on the training pitch and a meticulous routine. Both have gone awry with the injury havoc wrought by eight games in 32 days.

He has not, however, sought excuses. "I'd be lying if I said I wasn't anxious," he said. "Playing Wigan at their second home is the biggest test. Although we have the smallest first-team squad of the top six clubs, I know if we can draw on that figure of 18 players we can be competitive enough to win."

Whereas Wigan were able to select yesterday from a position of unrivalled strength, Larder has an ear pressed to the treatment-room door, while taking a fresh tack with the remaining able bodied. He has swapped a negative approach for a positive one, talking up the things Widnes have done well instead of constantly trying to correct the not-so-good.

"Some coaches just like to give you an old rollicking. Phil prefers stats to make his point," Jonathan Davies, the Widnes stand-off half, said.

No statistics, though, can show the sheer irresistibility of a 14-match unbeaten sequence between January and last month that brought a top-four league position and a first Wembley appearance since the defeat of Wigan nine years ago.

The objectives Larder set the team in August have been met, and there have been enough pluses before the hiccups of this month for the players to draw encouragement from. "I would say I would have fallen face down without the strength of the playing squad at the club," he said.

Suspicions about Larder and his analytical approach were inevitable. Both sides compromised a little. Individuals saw the areas for improvement uncovered by his accountancy procedures: drives + tackles = workrate. Larder learnt to relax and allow Davies, John Devereux and Bobby Goulding to follow their instincts.

Against a background of rumbling discontent and financial problems at Naughton Park, with five internationals on the transfer list at one time, Larder has steered a difficult course. It was literally Wembley or bust for Widnes, and the transformation over much of the second half of the season has been little short of astonishing.

The 39-4 destruction of Leeds in the semi-final was a master class by Davies and Goulding, the half-back pairing who might yet hold the key on Saturday. Whatever the outcome, British coaching has recovered some esteem with Larder's achievement, no matter that he took an Australian example.

His reward has been a 12-month contract. Some will continue to throw away his manual, but Larder's model of a modern league coach might well persuade many others differently.

Hampson struck by injury again

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

A CALF strain has left Steve Hampson, Wigan's desperately unlucky full back, doubtful for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup at Wembley on Saturday. If he is forced out by injury, it will be for the fourth time: he had a fractured leg in 1984 and was ruled out by a broken arm the following year and in 1988.

Hampson, 31, played a decisive part in Wigan's semi-final defeat of Bradford Northern, scoring the decisive try, but should he fail to prove his fitness today, Joe Lydon, a player with plenty of experience at full back, will be switched there.

"I just pulled up in training last week," Hampson said yesterday. "It's an aggravation of an old injury. I've probably got a 50-50 chance of playing in the final."

John Monie, the Wigan coach, decided against naming his team yesterday. He will select after training today from a squad of 16 that includes the hugely promising second-row forward, Andrew Farrell. At the age of 17, he would become the youngest Wembley finalist after Shaun Edwards in 1984 if given a place.

In the absence of Billy McGinty, Wigan's only other injury victim, Dean Bell, the influential captain, might be moved from centre to strengthen the back row. The versatile Sam Panapa, a player comfortable in either role, also offers Monie room for manoeuvre.

Phil Larder, the Widnes coach, has no such luxury, with five of his players still on the injury list. John Devereux's shoulder problem is the biggest concern but Stuart Spruce, the full back, has been cleared to play after recovering from a dead leg.

Larder cannot name his side until tomorrow, or possibly the day of the game itself.

WIGAN SQUAD: S Hampson, J Lydon, J Robinson, A Ferres, D Bell, M Offiah, F Botica, S Edwards, K Skerrett, M Dermott, A Platt, N Cowie, D Betts, S Panapa, A Farrell, P Clarke.

Tender Moment gives Brittain timely boost

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Sparkling debut: Polka Dancer outpacing the royal hope, Zenith, at Ascot yesterday

TENDER Moment underlined the rude health of Clive Brittain's string when pouncing late to land the Victoria Cup at Ascot yesterday.

On the eve of Sayyedati's 1,000 Guineas attempt, Brittain saddled Ray Richard's mare to a neck victory from Kayvee, with Indian Slave the same distance back in third.

If Brittain was predictably enthusiastic about Sayyedati's chance, his delight at Tender Moment's successful late burst shone through like a lighthouse in a storm. Each of the three protagonists looks sure to prevail at various stages through the final furlong.

Indian Slave, having mastered the front-runners on the stands rail, was almost immediately challenged by Kayvee, who looked strong in Walter Swinburn's hands. But Brett Doyle, putting up 3lb overweight, had Swinburn covered and unleashed his willing partner for the decisive challenge. Tender Moment rewarded her followers at odds of 16-1.

Such was the throng in the winner's enclosure that the whole Richards clan must have turned out.

Richards himself is chairman of the race's sponsoring company, Insulpak, while his children are all joint-owners in Tender Moment, a home-bred five-year-old who was due to go to stud after this race. Instead, she will remain in training for a tilt at the Royal Hunt Cup.

The same owner-trainer combination also won this race with Fusilier in 1987. Doyle wasn't riding at that time, but it was Richards who gave the young apprentice his first ride in public aboard a horse called Kingsize, which Doyle is assuredly not.

Tioman Island worked hard for his victory in the White Rose Stakes, although he would be far from certain to confirm his one-and-a-half beating of Zind if the pair were to meet again. Zind was so big and well he could have won a prize at the local show. Tioman Island, for his part, will certainly improve over further than this ten furlongs, but there were no Derby pointers here.

More significant than the bare result is the identity of the winning owner, Sultan Ahmad Shah. He owns the island of Tioman, off the coast of Malaysia, and has already placed seven thoroughbreds with two British trainers in his first year of racehorse ownership in this country.

Paul Cole did not see fit to make the Derby entry for this good-moving colt. He added, tongue in cheek, that Tioman Island was his best three-year-old: Cole also trains the once-raced Revere, the subject of considerable support in advance of the Derby.

Evidence that the recession is well and truly behind us came in the irrefutable shape of a posse of celebrating estate agents after Polka Dancer ran out a comfortable winner of the Insulpak Stakes over a mile. The representatives of Strutton Parker — some 12 of them — lease Polka Dancer from her breeder, Bob Cowell. "They can probably afford to own a horse each," was winning trainer James Fanshawe's instant reaction. That may have been true five years ago, and may also be true in five years' time. For now, though, like their filly, they were happy to keep a low profile.

Exciting hurdler Roll A Dollar helped blow away the Whitbread Gold Cup blues, after Givus A Buck's demotion, for trainer David Elsworth when outstaying the Flat race specialists in the group three £40,000 Insulpak Sagaro Stakes.

Under an inspired ride from 53-year-old Brian Rouse, the 12-1 Roll A Dollar fended off French St Leger winner, Assessor, and Spinning, by a neck and a head.

Flat jockeys were yesterday given their first instruction on how to interpret racing's controversial new whip rules at a York seminar.

This following a briefing last week when the Jockey Club's comments on Maguire's whip action prompted the jockey to seek legal advice.

Yesterday, disciplinary committee chairman, Anthony Mildmay-White, expressed his regret over the publicity that followed last week's seminar as he met riders in York.

Jockeys' Association secretary, Michael Caulfield, said: "It was a far more positive seminar. No names were used and there was no reference to such ridiculous phrases as slashing and thrashing or description of jockeys as hard men.

"The seminar ended with film of Steve Cauthen using his whip 11 times and winning by a head. We were told that under the new instruction an enquiry would not be held because his whip was below shoulder height. It was being used in rhythm and the horse was responding. The jockeys have already begun to adapt."

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: good

2.00 (1m) 1, POLKA DANCER (W R Swinburn, 4-1 jf-fav), 2, Zenith (L Dettori, 4-1 jf-fav), 3, Bright Spells (J Williams, 4-1 jf-fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Na-Ayim, 6 Katiba (5th), 8 Lacerta (4th), 20 Sehailah, Fabriana (6th), 33 Ballon. 9 ran 1½l, 1½l, sh hd, 3l, nk. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote £5.00: £1.80, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £11.60. Trio dividend: £41.10. CSF: £18.62. 1min 43.95sec.

2.30 (2m 45yd) 1, ROLL A DOLLAR (S Rouse 12-1), 2, Assessor (T Quinn, 15-8 jf-fav), 3, Spinning (R Cochrane, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 15-8 jf-fav Daru (5th), 16 Not In Doubt (4th), 33 Justuca (6th). 6 ran Nk, hd, ¾l, 1l, 25l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £10.10; £2.10, £1.70. DF: £20.60. CSF: £31.89. 3min 42.36sec.

3.05 (1m 2f) 1, TIOMAN ISLAND (T Quinn, 7-4 fav), 2, Zind (J Reid, 2-1), 3, Tomos (M Roberts, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 King Pans (4th), 10 Palace Pageant (5th). 5 ran 1½l, ¾l, 2½l, 2l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.70. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.22. 2min 12.44sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, TENDER MOMENT (B Doyle, 16-1), 2, Kayvee (W R Swinburn, 25-1), 3, Indian Slave (J Quinn, 14-1). 4, Little Rousillon (J Penza, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-1 jf-fav Euro Festival, Pisk Master, Hob Green, Efhansco (5th), Millscilin (6th), 12 Will Of Steel, Echo-Logical, Trooping, Highland Magic, 14 Knock To Enter, Superoo, 16 Shikari's Son, 25 Contronite, Assignment, Laurel Queen, 33 Master Planner, Noble Pet, Precious Wonder. 22 ran Nk, nk, 1½l, sh hd, ¾l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £18.80: £3.90, £7.30, £2.00. £7.30. DF: £460.70. Trio dividend: £996.10. CSF: £331.72. Tricast: £5,088.03. 1min 28.21sec.

4.10 (5f) 1, WAJIBA RIVA (Pat Eddery, 11-8 fav), 2, River Deep (A Munro, 13-2), 3, Thatcherella (D Holland, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 French Gift, 7 Miss Amy Lou (4th), 14 Stompin, 16 Valiant Man (6th), 20 Ochos Rios (5th), Window Display, 50 Carlton Crown. 10 ran. NR, Alpino Silver. 3½l, ¾l, ¾l, 1½l, 2l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £2.10: £1.30, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £5.40. Trio dividend: £42.70. CSF: £9.96. 1min 1.61sec.

4.40 (1m 4f) 1, BROUGHTON'S TANGO (D McCabe, 9-2), 2, Dom Wac (M Fenton, 7-1), 3, Busman (Kim McDonnell, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Blackpatch Hill, 9-2 Fair Flyer, 11-2 Lobilo, 16 Western Dynasty (6th), 20 Prosequendo, 25 Allmosa (5th), Mon Petitnamour, Acrobate, 33 Kovalevskia (4th), Up All Night, 100 Rocky Romance. 14 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 1½l, hd, ¾l. M Heaton-Ellis at Wroughton. Tote: £7.30; £1.90, £2.40, £11.00. DF: £53.60. Trio: £321.30. CSF: £36.53. Tricast: £547.62. 2min 36sec. Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £15,393.74 carried forward to Newmarket tomorrow.

Placepot: £197.50.

Exeter

Going: good

2.20 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Yasiou (J McCarthy, 33-1), 2, Amphigory (16-1), 3, The Link Man (6-1), 4, Kyldon Castle (12-1). Land of The Free 7-2 fav. 18 ran. 1½l, 3l. W Muir. Tote: £103.30; £13.10, £2.90, £2.10, £2.80. DF: £336.70. CSF: £420.39. Tricast: £4,128.67.

2.50 (2m 2f) 1, Beanley Brook (J Railton, 7-2) 2, Cracking Angels, (8-1); 3, Precis (9-1) Ess El Air 9-4 fav. 15 ran. NR, Kouloura. ¾l, 3½l. K Bailey. Tote: £5.60; £2.10, £2.90, £2.60. DF: £93.20. CSF: £32.64. Kouloura (12-1) deemed not to have started. Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in the £.

3.20 (2m 7f 110yd ch) 1, Clever Shepherd (Peter Hobbs, 3-1), 2, Beresford's Girl (16-1); 3, Mander's Way (12-1). Dandy Minstrel 9-4 fav, 14 ran. NR: Team Challenge. 1l, sh hd, P Hobbs. Tote: £3.60, £1.50, £2.50, £5.00. DF: £33.30. CSF: £50.15. Tricast: £486.02.

3.50 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Millrous (M Foster, 11-4); 2, Northern Optimist (6-1); 3, Mutual Agreement (10-1). Crown Baledar 5-2 fav. 13 ran. Sh hd, 12l. M Pipe. Tote: £5.00, £1.30, £2.50, £3.50. DF: £11.30. CSF: £21.44.

4.20 (2m 2f ch) 1, Green Island (Peter Hobbs, 4-1); 2, Ardbrin (15-8 fav); 3, Whatever You Like (7-1) 8 ran. 12l, 6l. A Dunn. Tote: £4.10, £2.50, £1.80. DF: £4.90. CSF: £11.18.

4.50 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Mardood (H Davies, 5-1), 2, Dominion Treasure (66-1); 3, Moving Out (9-1). Kaher 4-5 fav. 13 ran. 2l, 21/2l. P Leach. Tote: £15.80: £2.50, £20.30, £1.70. CSF: £219.67. Tricast: £2,883.78. Dual Forecast paid on 1st or 2nd with any other: £3.30.

Placepot: £262.40.

Kelso

Going: soft (good to soft in places)

2.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Loving Omen (K Doolan, 11-2), 2, Wee Wizard (9-2); 3, Trump (3-1 fav), 12 ran. 1½l, 1½l. Miss Z Green. Tote: £7.80; £1.50, £1.50, £1.80. DF: £10.60. CSF: £28.57. Tricast: £77.13. After Stewards' enquiry, result stands.

2.45 (2m 1f ch) 1, Silk Degrees (K Doolan, 4-9 fav); 2, Algari (9-2); 3, Equator (7-1). 5 ran. 10l, 3½l. W Storey. Tote: £1.40, £1.40. £1.50. DF: £2.20. CSF: £2.82.

3.15 (3m 3f) 1, Benghazi (Mr R Hale, 13-2), 2, Aahsayfeld (1-5 fav); 3, Furry Baby (14-1). 13 ran. 1½l, 8l. A Thomson. Tote: £9.90; £1.20, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £2.50. CSF: £7.75.

3.45 (2m 6f 110yd) 1, Bluff Knoll (G Harker, 7-1); 2, Armagret (9-4), 3, Wheat Fettle (7-2) Interim Lib 6-4 fav (pulled up). 4 ran. NR: Carousel Rocket. 6l, 8l. R Browtt. Tote: £5.40. DF: £5.70. CSF: £19.54.

4.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, Once Stung (Mr J Greenall, 11-10 fav); 2, Dovy Blake (9-2); 3, Jimmy River (11-1) 8 ran. ¾l, 15l. P Cheesbrough. Tote: £2.20, £1.10, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £2.90. CSF: £6.24.

4.45 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Bay Tern (P Harley, 2-1); 2, Casual Pass (Evans, fav); 3, Prebbleknowsley (9-1). 4 ran. 3½l, 5l. T Dyer. Tote: £3.70. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.20.

Placepot: £107.60.

Tuesday's late results

Ascot

Going: good

6.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Canboo Gold (J Railton, 6-5 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Aromal (9-2), 3, Storm Dust (14-1). 8 ran. 3l, 1l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.10, £1.20, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £3.90. Trio: £25.40. CSF: £8.63. Tricast: £41.91.

7.05 (2m ch) 1, Gulbum's Nephew (C Maude, 6-1), 2, Northern Jinks (8-1), 3, Boutzdaroff (4-1 jf-fav) Fragrant Dawn 4-1 jf-fav. 8 ran. NR: General James. 5l, 5l. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £43.60. Trio: £43.00. CSF: £45.06. Tricast: £184.48.

7.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Dubacilla (J Osborne, 7-2 co-fav); 2, More Class (7-2 co-fav), 3, Grange Brake (8-1). Cool And Easy 7-2 co-fav. 9 ran. 20l, 2½l. H Cole. Tote: £4.00, £1.60, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £7.60. Trio: £12.80. CSF: £15.26. Tricast: £81.70.

8.10 (3m hdle) 1, Buonarrotl (A Webb, 25-1); 2, Petty Bridge (25-1), 3, Sweet Glow (4-1). Prime Display 3-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Tarfowsky. 2l, nk. J Old. Tote: £38.60, £5.30, £7.50. £1.80. DF: £262.30. Trio: £1,072.10. CSF: £457.81. Tricast: £2,723.11.

Jackpot: not won.

Placepot: £909.90.

Huntingdon

Going: soft

6.45 (3m ch) 1, Teaplanter (Mr R Russell, 11-10), 2, Moorcroft Boy (10-11 fav), 3, Bold In Combat (20-1). 5 ran. 10l, 12l. Miss C Saunders. Tote: £2.10, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.39.

7.15 (3m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Setar's Palace (W Marston, 9-1), 2, Pennethorne Place (3-1), 3, Honest Fred (20-1). Madagans Grey 13-8 fav. 19 ran. NR: Finnegas. ¾l, 30l. D Nicholson. Tote: £8.60, £1.80, £2.20, £5.10. DF: £10.70. CSF: £36.41.

7.45 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Duke Of Monmouth (C Llewellyn, 2-7 fav), 2, Mr-Paw (13-2), 3, Ticonderoga (9-1). 5 ran. 5l, 30l. S Sherwood. Tote: £1.50, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.69.

8.15 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Carrick Lanes (W Marston, 3-4 fav), 2, Crank Shaft (6-1), 3, Tarreich (9-2). 7 ran. NR: Sperrin View. 2l, 5l. D Nicholson. Tote: £2.30, £2.00, £2.90. DF: £15.30. CSF: £14.60.

Placepot: £39.90.

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Stoute's progressive filly to hold French at bay in classic

Zarani Sidi Anna can triumph

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

ZARANI Sidi Anna, the filly with the nightmare name for racecourse commentators, can prove a dream bet today by landing the Madagans 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket.

My best friend, Come with me or My Lord visited me — various translations of the Arab-named daughter of Danzig — needs to progress significantly to win the first classic of the season but there are sound reasons for believing she will find the necessary improvement and upset Elizabeth Bay, the likely favourite.

After a successful debut at Newbury last October, Zarani Sidi Anna was having only the second race of her career when running on strongly inside the final furlong to finish one-and-a-half lengths behind **Niche** (giving 5lb) in the Nell Gwyn Stakes 16 days ago.

Michael Stoute, who boasts a fine record in the fillies' classic, said after the race she would improve significantly before the Guineas and her recent work on the Newmarket gallops appears to have proved him correct.

Bruce Raymond, who celebrates his fiftieth birthday in 11 days' time, is thrilled with her progress as he seeks his first classic success.

Stoute said yesterday: "We think she has improved but then she needs to more than some of the others. I am hopeful. She will run a big race."

William Hill cut Zarani Sidi Anna from 7-1 to 5-1 yesterday following solid support. **Elizabeth Bay** and **Sayyedati** are 5-2 joint-favourites.

As Stoute pointed out, Elizabeth Bay, the Andre Fabre-trained filly, who cost $1 million as a yearling, should have come in to today's race unbeaten.

The American-bred daughter of Mr Prospector, ridden today by Michael Roberts, would have almost certainly beaten **Wixon** in the Prix Imprudence at Maisons-Laffitte three weeks ago if Thierry Jarnet had not gone for a non-existent gap up the rails a furlong out.

Even so, it is questionable what her performances amount to. Firm Friend, favourite when beaten two-and-a-half lengths by the Fabre filly in a group three race at Saint-Cloud last October, could only come second to Ancestral Dancer in last Sunday's Italian 1,000 Guineas — hardy earth-shattering form. The filly that finished a close fourth behind Wixon and Elizabeth Bay was fifth in a Longchamp claimer earlier this week.

Sayyedati, ante-post favourite for the 1,000 Guineas throughout the winter, lost 14 kilos after her disappointing run in the Nell Gwyn when her blood was subsequently found to be wrong. Clive Brittain may have given her Cheveley Park Stakes winner a gallop too many before that classic trial and the ever-optimistic Newmarket trainer reported at Ascot yesterday that she was in top shape.

Walter Swinburn chose to ride Sayyedati ahead of Zarana Sidi Anna and, if she is back to her best, she rates the main danger.

Luca Cumani's **Stella Mystika** won a maiden at the Craven meeting in good style, but has considerably more to do here. So if there is to be a surprise, **Lyric Fantasy**, such a speedy juvenile, could be the one to provide it.

However, the Richard Hannon-trained filly has not had the benefit of a race this term and Pat Eddery rejected her in favour of **Secrage**, another doubtful stayer.

Lester Piggott rode a marvellous waiting race from the front to win the Nell Gwyn on Niche, but the chances of a muddling pace this afternoon are less likely and a truly-run classic will play into the hands of Zarana Sidi Anna, who will relish the step up to a mile.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: ARID
(4.45 Newmarket)
Next best: Red Fan
(2.30 Newmarket)



French invader: Andre Fabre may be denied victory with Elizabeth Bay in first fillies' classic

BIG-RACE LINE UP

3.40 MADAGANS 1000 GUINEAS STAKES (C4)
(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £107,063: 1m) (12 runners)

401 (11) 132-2 AJFAN 19 (BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 .... R Hills 83
(ch Woodman - Misinskie) (Royal blue, white epaulets, striped cap)
402 (7) R1-2 DAYFLOWER 14 (C,G) (M Al Maktoum) S Seemar (UAE) 9-0 .... L Dettori 72
(ch Majestic Light - Equate) (Royal blue, white chevron, light blue cap)
403 (2) 11-2 ELIZABETH BAY 206 (S) (Shaikh Mohammed) A Fabre (Fr) 9-0 .... M Roberts 96
(b Mr Prospector - Life At The Top) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
404 (9) 25- FELAWNAH 195 (BF) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 .... W Carson 76
(ch Mr Prospector - Ambassador) (Yellow, black epaulets)
405 (12) 111112- LYRIC FANTASY 211 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs J Magnier) R Hannon 9-0 .... M J Kinane 99
(b Tate Gallery - Flying Melody) (Yellow, black star)
406 (8) 14316-1 NICHE 16 (C,F,G) (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 9-0 .... L Piggott 95
(ch Risk Me - Cubby Hole) (Scarlet, blue collar, white cap)
407 (4) 2111-3 SAYYEDATI 16 (C,BF,G,S) (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0 .... W R Swinburn 92
(b Shadeed - Dubian) (Royal blue, red epaulets, red & royal blue striped cap)
408 (5) 21201-3 SECRAGE 13 (BF,S) (Dr C Stelling) R Charlton 9-0 .... Pat Eddery 79
(b Secreto - Wayage) (Orange, grey cross of lorraine, grey & orange hooped sleeves)
409 (1) 110130- STAR FAMILY FRIEND 184 (BF,F,G,S) (Sheffield Newspapers) M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson 83
(ch Double Schwartz - Jane's Idea) (Red, white star, white cap, red star)
410 (3) 2-1 STELLA MYSTIKA 15 (C,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 .... R Cochrane 64
(ch Diesis - Share The Fantasy) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)
411 (6) 42212-1 WIXON 174 (S) (A Paulson) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0 .... C Asmussen 95
(b Fioravanti - Forli's Fair) (White, red epaulets, blue sleeves, white stars, red & blue cap)
412 (10) 1-2 ZARANI SIDI ANNA 16 (S) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 .... B Raymond 87
(b Danzig - Emmaline) (Royal blue, white chevron, light blue cap)

BETTING: 2-1 Elizabeth Bay, 11-4 Sayyedati, 6-1 Zarani Sidi Anna, 7-1 Niche, 16-1 Secrage, Wixon, 20-1 Lyric Fantasy, 25-1 Stella Mystika, 33-1 others.

1992: HATOOF 9-0 W R Swinburn (5-1) Mme C Head (Fr) 14 ran

Form guide to the 12 contenders

AJFAN
Apr 10, Kempton, soft: (8-9) 3½l 2nd to Nicer (8-11) (1m, conditions, £9,663, 12 ran).
Sep 26, Ascot, soft: (8-10) 1½l 2nd to Ivanka (8-10) (1m, group I, £93,015, 8 ran).
Aug 28, Goodwood, good to soft: (8-9) 1¾l 3rd to Love Of Silver (8-9) (7f, group III, £13,360, 7 ran).

DAYFLOWER
Apr 15, Nad Al Sheba, sand: (8-5) 3½l 2nd to Ghurrah (8-11) (1m, conditions, £2,248, 8 ran).
Jul 17, Newmarket, good: (8-11) 2l beat Reine De Neige (8-11) 2l (7f, maiden, £3,753, 10 ran).

ELIZABETH BAY
Apr 7, Maisons-Laffitte, soft: see WIXON.
Oct 5, Saint-Cloud, heavy: (8-13) beat WIXON (8-13) 2l (6f 110yd, group III, £20,555, 5 ran).
Jun 4, Chantilly, heavy: (9-2) beat Tenga (9-2) 2l (6f, maiden, £8,222, 8 ran).

FELWANAH
Oct 16, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-8) 4¾l 5th to Yawl (8-8) (7f, group III, £13,720, 7 ran).
Sep 24, Ascot, soft: (8-8) ¾l 2nd to Queen's View (8-8) (6f, conditions, £9,081, 8 ran).

LYRIC FANTASY
Sep 30, Newmarket, good: see SAYYEDATI.
Aug 20, York, good to firm: (7-8) beat Mr Brooks (9-6) ½l (5f, group I, £93,528, 11 ran).
Jul 18, Newbury, good to soft: (8-11) beat Aradanza (8-5) 6l (5f, auction, £59,232, 11 ran).

NICHE
Apr 13, Newmarket, good: (9-0) beat ZARADI SIDI ANNA (8-9) 1½l with SAYYEDATI (9-0) a short-head 3rd (7f, group III, £21,961, 8 ran).
Sep 29, Doncaster, good to firm: (8-11) 6¾l 6th (placed 5th) to Poker Chip (8-6) (5f, group II, £22,680, 7 ran).
Aug 20, York, good to firm: (9-0) beat Shamisen (8-11) 4l (6f, group II, £38,502, 6 ran).

SAYYEDATI
Apr 13, Newmarket, good: see NICHE.
Sep 30, Newmarket, good: (8-11) beat LYRIC FANTASY (8-11) 2l (6f, group I, £74,999, 4 ran).
Sep 5, Curragh, yielding to soft: (8-11) beat Bright Generation (8-11) 1½l (7f, group I, £87,600, 8 ran).

SECRAGE
Apr 16, Newbury, good: (9-0) 3¾l 3rd to Sueboog (9-0) (7f 60yd, group III, £23,463, good).
Nov 1, Capannelle, good to soft: (9-1) beat Darubena (8-8) 5l (7f, £20,930, 5 ran).
Oct 4, Longchamp, heavy: (8-11) 5l 7th to Gold Splash (8-11) (1m, group I, £82,220, 11 ran).

STAR FAMILY FRIEND
Oct 27, Redcar, heavy: (7-11) 24l 20th to Pips Pride (8-5) (6f, auction, £87,786, 24 ran).
Sep 18, Ayr, soft: (9-1) ½l 3rd to White Shadow (8-9) (6f, listed, £19,334, 6 ran)
Aug 31, Ripon, soft: (8-6) beat Gymcrak Tiger (8-11) 2½l (6f, listed, £9,219, soft).

STELLA MYSTIKA
Apr 14, Newmarket, good: (8-11) beat Seasonal Splendour (8-11) 2½l (7f, maiden, £3,753, 10 ran)
Oct 31, Newmarket, good: (8-11) 1½l 2nd to Fayfa (8-11) (7f, maiden, £4,468, 24 ran).

WIXON
Apr 7, Maisons-Laffitte, soft: (9-2) beat ELIZABETH BAY (9-2) 2l (7f, listed, £14,337, 5 ran).
Nov 6, Maisons-Laffitte, soft: (8-8) 1½l 2nd to Kadounor (8-11) (7f, group II, £35,971, 5 ran).
Oct 25, Longchamp, soft: (8-6) beat Keen Hunter (9-11) ¾l (5f, group III, £20,555, 9 ran).
Oct 5, Saint-Cloud, heavy: see ELIZABETH BAY.

ZARANI SIDI ANNA
Apr 13, Newmarket, good: see NICHE.
Oct 22, Newbury, soft: (8-9) beat The Little Ferret (9-0) ¾l (6f, maiden, £4,273, 16 ran).

Selection: ELIZABETH BAY

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
2.00 Firm Pledge. 2.30 Bezique. 3.00 PAMZIG (nap). 3.40 Lyric Fantasy. 4.15 Splice. 4.45 Arid. 5.15 Ghost Tree.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Matila. 3.40 ZARANI SIDI ANNA (nap). 4.45 Winged Victory.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 TIMANFAYA CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,070: 7f) (6 runners)
101 (2) 123103- MYSTIC GODDESS 195 (C,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-1 W R Swinburn 86
102 (4) 413- FACTUAL 210 (F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 .... Pat Eddery 90
103 (6) 1230-6 FIRM PLEDGE 12 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 .... A Munro 99
104 (3) 0-1 THUNDER RIVER 34 (D,F) (Mrs E Mitchell) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 .... M Kinane 83
105 (1) 1 MATILA 15 (C,G) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-9 .... W Carson 38
106 (5) 1 WINGED VICTORY 12 (D,B) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-9 .... L Dettori 89
BETTING: 6-4 Firm Pledge, 9-4 Factual, 9-2 Winged Victory, 10-1 Mystic Goddess, 12-1 Matila, 14-1 Thunder River.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.30 PRS PROFESSIONAL REVENUE SERVICES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,692: 7f) (9 runners) (C4)
201 (3) D02301- EASY ACCESS 174 (G) (N Ahamad) R Hannon 8-7 .... M Kinane 92
202 (2) 410-6 NABJELSEDR 19 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-6 .... W Carson 89
203 (6) 214-112 MISS GORGEOUS 100 (BF) (T Capehart) W O'Gorman 8-12 Emma O'Gorman (3) 85
204 (1) 43-4 ABLE CHOICE 33 (Dr C Li) R Armstrong 8-10 .... L Piggott 86
205 (7) 40-0 TIMOTHY CASEY 14 (W Gredley) N Wright 8-10 .... Pat Eddery 93
206 (9) 431-03 BEZIQUE 17 (B,BF,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-7 .... M Roberts 99
207 (8) 6-53 RED FAN 27 (J Allbritton) J Watts 8-4 .... G Duffield 94
208 (4) 4310-80 RACING TELEGRAPH 18 (G) (C Wood) J Pearce 8-3 .... P Robinson 96
209 (5) 6003- CUTTHROAT KID 195 (B) (P Savill) S Norton 7-13 .... G Carter 90
BETTING: 3-1 Able Choice, 7-2 Nabjelsedr, 4-1 Bezique, 7-1 Easy Access, 8-1 Red Fan, 12-1 Miss Gorgeous, 16-1 Cutthroat Kid, Racing Telegraph, 20-1 Timothy Casey.
1992: SKY HUNTER 8-9 M Kinane (5-1) R Hannon 9 ran

FORM FOCUS
EASY ACCESS beat Alyakkh a short-head in an 11-runner maiden at Doncaster (6f, good). MISS GORGEOUS ¾l 2nd of 7 to Take Your Partner in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 7f). ABLE CHOICE 6¾l 6th of 10 to Garnock Valley in a maiden at Doncaster last time out (6f, good to firm), with RED FAN (6lb better off) 1l 5th. BEZIQUE just over 1l 3rd of 13 to Mr Vincent in a handicap at Kempton (1m, soft). RED FAN 1l 3rd of 7 to Moon Strike in a maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm). CUTTHROAT KID 4l 3rd of 17 to Abergele in a handicap here last time out (6f, good to firm), with RACING TELEGRAPH (5lb better off) 7l 10th.
Selection: MISS GORGEOUS

3.00 MADAGANS PRETTY POLLY STAKES (C4)
(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £12,652: 1m 2f) (5 runners)
301 (3) 1124-3 BRIGHT GENERATION 19 (F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 9-1 .... A Munro 99
302 (2) 1- FAYFA 180 (C,G) (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 8-13 .... Pat Eddery 88
303 (5) 2-1 ALYAKKH 21 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-10 .... R Hills 87
304 (1) 03-16 MAGICAL RETREAT 5 (D,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-10 .... D Biggs 93
305 (4) 1- PAMZIG 188 (F) (H Kaskel) B Hills 8-10 .... D Holland 89
BETTING: 6-4 Bright Generation, 15-8 Fayfa, 9-2 Alyakkh, 5-1 Pamzig, 25-1 Magical Retreat
1992: ALL AT SEA 8-10 Pat Eddery (Evens fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM FOCUS
BRIGHT GENERATION 6½l 3rd of 12 to Nicer in a conditions race at Kempton (1m, soft). FAYFA beat Stella Mystika 1½l in 24-runner maiden here (7f, good), with MAGICAL RETREAT (3lb better off) over 10l 20th.
ALYAKKH beat Patsy Grimes ¾l in a 7-runner maiden at Brighton (1m, good). MAGICAL RETREAT over 20l 6th of 13 to River North in a handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good). PAMZIG beat Tajbiz 1l in a 14-runner maiden at Doncaster (7f, good to firm).
Selection: BRIGHT GENERATION

3.40 MADAGANS 1000 GUINEAS STAKES (C4)
(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £107,063: 1m) (12 runners)
RUNNERS & RIDERS SEE RIGHT

4.15 FAIRFAX HOUSE RATED HANDICAP (C4)
(£9,611: 6f) (10 runners)
501 (10) 114253- BARAH 173 (CD,F,G) (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 4-9-7 .... Pat Eddery 92
502 (6) 04016-1 SPLICE 16 (CD,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 4-9-5 .... W R Swinburn 94
503 (8) 0331-42 HARD TO FIGURE 10 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (J Mursell) R Hodges 7-9-0 .... W Carson 98
504 (5) 50020-4 DUPLICITY 17 (F,S) (J Khan) L Holt 5-8-13 .... M Roberts 98
505 (7) 112/30-8 GILT THRONE 15 (D,F,G) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 6-8-12 .. P Robinson –
506 (3) 41028-2 DOUBLE BLUE 12 (BF,F,G,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 4-8-11 .. Dean McKeown 98
507 (1) 31200-0 VENTURE CAPITALIST 17 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs J Harris) R Hannon 4-8-10 M Kinane 99
508 (9) 055500- GREEN DOLLAR 209 (CD,F,G) (B Azemoudeh) E Wheeler 10-8-7 .... M Tebbutt 96
509 (4) 00600-3 BEAU VENTURE 22 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) F Lee 5-8-7 .... B Raymond 98
510 (2) 211060- FINJAN 250 (F) (Mrs R Olivier) M Wane 6-8-7 .... A Munro 90
Long handicap: Green Dollar 8-6, Beau Venture 8-6, Finjan 8-3.
BETTING: 7-2 Double Blue, 11-2 Duplicity, 6-1 Beau Venture, Barah, Splice, 8-1 Hard To Figure, Venture Capitalist, 20-1 others.
1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS
BARAH 2l 3rd of 17 to Blyton Lad in a listed race at Doncaster (6f, good), with GILT THRONE 5½l 8th. SPLICE beat Montendre ½l in a 7-runner listed race over course and distance (good). HARD TO FIGURE 4l 2nd of 5 to Sellan's Son in a conditions race at Brighton (7f, good).
DUPLICITY 5½l 4th of 7 to Bold Lez in a conditions race at Kempton (6f, soft), with VENTURE CAPITALIST over 15l last.
DOUBLE BLUE 1l 2nd of 5 to Fylde Flyer in a conditions race at Thirsk (6f, good). BEAU VENTURE under 2l 3rd of 19 to Gorinsky in a handicap at Ripon (6f, good).
Selection: SPLICE (nap)

4.45 REX COHEN MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,971: 1m) (21 runners)
601 (13) 0 AJDAYT 15 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 .... B Raymond –
602 (19) 5 ARID 12 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 .... Pat Eddery 89
603 (14) BALE BREAKER (B Haggas) W Haggas 9-0 .... N Day –
604 (8) 6 BARRATRY 15 (L Marinopoulos) H Cecil 9-0 .... A McGlone 89
605 (6) 0-30 BITTER'S END 14 (B Latemant) R Hannon 9-0 .... M Kinane 98
606 (3) CAST THE LINE (D Barrie) A Stewart 9-0 .... Dean McKeown –
607 (10) COLNBROOK (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0 .... D Holland –
608 (7) 0- DARMSTADT 197 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 .... G Hind –
609 (16) DAWALIB (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 .... W Carson –
610 (1) 00- DON TOCINO 211 (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 9-0 .... A Munro –
611 (4) 3 KARSHI 15 (Lord Vestey) J Fanshawe 9-0 .... G Duffield 93
612 (5) 0 MAASHAI LAWM 15 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 9-0 .... P Robinson 81
613 (9) 4 MECKLENBURG 15 (BF) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 .... M Roberts 93
614 (15) MISTLE CAT (P Cho) S Woods 9-0 .... W Woods –
615 (2) 0 MOULTAZIM (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 .... W R Swinburn –
616 (11) 2 MT TEMPLEMAN 15 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0 .... L Dettori 99
617 (17) 03- THALEROS 194 (A Christodoulou) G Harwood 9-0 .... L Piggott 91
618 (18) WAGON MASTER (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-0 .... R Hills –
619 (21) WINGED VICTORY (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 9-0 .... R Cochrane –
620 (20) HOPEFUL PROSPECT (A Lavell) A Hide 8-9 .... G Carter –
621 (12) 0- TINSASHE 219 (A Foustok) W Jarvis 8-9 .... M Tebbutt –
BETTING: 3-1 Arid, 9-2 Bitter's End, 5-1 Mt Templeman, 13-2 Thaleros, 7-1 Karshi, 10-1 Mecklenburg, 12-1 Wagon Master, 16-1 Winged Victory, 20-1 others.
1992: ZALON 9-0 S Cauthen (11-8 fav) J Gosden 8 ran

5.15 COOMBE HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £4,581: 7f) (11 runners)
1 (6) 0 CORAL GEM 15 (Shaikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-11 .... R Hills –
2 (3) CRYSTAL REAY (Mrs A Chapman) L Cumani 8-11 .... R Cochrane –
3 (8) 3055-4 DANCING SPIRIT 15 (L J Ward) R Hannon 8-11 .... M Kinane 99
4 (1) 0- FADAKI HAWAKI 189 (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-11 .... W R Swinburn 97
5 (2) FRANCIA (A Atkins) A Hide 8-11 .... W Woods –
6 (9) GHOST TREE (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 .... M Roberts –
7 (4) 8- KHUBZA 185 (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11 .... A McGlone –
8 (11) PRINCESS HAYLEY (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 8-11 .... Pat Eddery –
9 (5) 54- ROCK THE BOAT 277 (Mrs P Tellwright) R Hannon 8-11 .... L Dettori 89
10 (7) 0 SHEFFORD 12 (T Barker) M Usher 8-11 .... R Price 88
11 (10) 5 TIP ME UP 9 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-11 .... D Biggs 87
BETTING: 11-4 Ghost Tree, 4-1 Princess Hayley, 5-1 Crystal Reay, Dancing Spirit, 13-2 Fadaki Hawaki, 8-1 Khubza, 16-1 others.
1992: FLUTE 8-11 M Roberts (14-1) C Brittain 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Fabre	6	15	40.0	M Kinane	3	9	33.3
H Cecil	61	287	21.3	Pat Eddery	72	410	17.6
M Stoute	49	259	18.9	W Carson	76	479	15.9
J Gosden	34	193	17.6	S Webster	3	19	15.8
J Fanshawe	12	70	17.1	W R Swinburn	52	337	15.4
P Cole	15	89	16.9	C Asmussen	6	43	14.0

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWMARKET
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2.30: Campaigning horses over an inadequate trip or at unsuitable courses is a perfectly legitimate way of preparing a runner for a gamble and **Red Fan** fits the bill perfectly. Never placed to challenge over six furlongs at Doncaster on his debut, Red Fan was brought back to five furlongs at Beverley last time when he staying on well in the closing stages. Bill Watts has found a more suitable seven-furlong race for the gelding's handicap debut, and the placing can pay off at the expense of Able Choice, 6lb worse off for a length on Doncaster running.

3.00: **Fayfa**, who beat 1,000 Guineas runner Stella Mystika on her debut at Newmarket last autumn, will appreciate the step up to ten furlongs and the Slip Anchor filly can improve to take this listed race. Bright Generation, a promising third to Nicer at Kempton, is the threat.

3.40: See above.

4.15: With Mark Johnston's string having struck form, **Double Blue** can add to his five successes last year. On his recent seasonable debut at Thirsk, where he finished second, the four-year-old looked better than ever. Dangers abound, led by Splice, who reserved her best form for Newmarket and will appreciate the likely strong pace.

RICHARD EVANS

SALISBURY

THUNDERER
2.20 Homemaker. 2.50 Bobbie Dee. 3.20 Grand Vitesse. 3.50 Secret Society. 4.20 Followmegirls. 4.50 Anorak. 5.20 Leigh Crofter. 5.50 Fabulous Mtoto.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 BOBBIE DEE.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M LOW NUMBERS BEST ON SOFT GROUND OTHERWISE NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 ALMOND APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,700: 6f 212yd) (20 runners)
1 011- PRINCE RODNEY 342 (C,F,G) R Hannon 4-10-0 A Whelan (7) 1
2 00-0 JUST A STEP 16 (D,F,G,S) M McCormack 7-9-8 Gina Faulkner (5) 3
3 064- SINGERS IMAGE 176J (V,C,F) G Balding 4-9-4 Tracey Purseglove (3) 2
4 5233 ON Y VA 18 (D,BF,S) R Williams 6-9-1 Sarah Thompson (7) 11
5 23-4 OLD COMRADES 16 (D,F,G) L Cottrell 6-9-0 Mark Denaro (5) 15
6 0000- ANDY JACK 58J J Bennett 4-8-10 .... J O'Dwyer (3) 18
7 056- SEA PRODIGY 289 M Blanshard 4-8-10 .... D McCabe 5
8 20-2 ROYAL DARTMOUTH 31 (F,S) B Millman 8-8-10 .... D Gibbs 12
9 223- PROUD BRIGADIER 192 (G) M Channon 5-8-10 R Painter (5) 6
10 4-00 QUICK STEEL 10 (B,D,G,S) T McGovern 5-8-9 .... S Mulvey 20
11 00-0 IBSEN 15 I Campbell 5-8-8 .... G Mitchell 9
12 0050 PRINCE RODNEY 3 (D,G,S) P Butler 5-8-7 .... B Strange (5) 17
13 5620 SARUM 26 (F) C Wildman 7-8-6 .... J Wilkinson (5) 10
14 0-25 SHALOU 21 (F) R Hodges 4-8-6 .... P McCabe 14
15 4016 ROYAL ACCLAIM 15 (V,C,D) J Bradley 8-8-6 M Bradley (5) 16
16 20-1 HOMEMAKER 16 (D,F,S) P Murphy 3-8-5 .... R Waterfield (5) 19
17 056- DAVROB 191 B Palling 3-8-4 .... Wendy Jones (7) 13
18 060- RISK PROOF 166 (S) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-2 D O'Neill (7) 7
19 000- SUDANOR 198 B Millman 4-8-2 .... J Tate 4
20 0050 SAREEN EXPRESS 17J (33) Mrs J Dawe 5-8-1 S McCarthy (5) 8
5-1 Royal Dartmouth, 6-1 On Y Va, 8-1 Homemaker, Proud Brigadier, 10-1 Davrob, Prince Rodney, Sudanor, 12-1 others.

2.50 PENTLAND CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,348: 1m 1f 209yd) (6)
1 1 SOVIET LINE 21 (G) M Stoute 9-0 .... P D'Arcy 6
2 212- DOUBLE BASS 192 (G) H Cecil 8-10 .... W Ryan 5
3 10- ZILFI 250 P Cole 8-10 .... T Quinn 1
4 350- BONAR BRIDGE 251 R Hannon 8-7 .... J Reid 2
5 0- ELECTROLYTE 205 B Palling 8-7 .... Stephen Davies (5) 3
6 420- BOBBIE DEE 158 D Elsworth 8-2 .... D Harrison (3) 4
7-4 Soviet Line, 2-1 Double Bass, 9-4 Bobbie Dee, 8-1 others.

3.20 LAUDERDALE HANDICAP
(£4,207: 1m) (18)
1 4-00 SAND TABLE 12 J Sutcliffe 4-9-13 .... W Ryan 10
2 01-0 GRAND VITESSE 30 (D,F,S) R Hannon 4-9-8 .... J Reid 15
3 00-0 BAYSHAM 17 (C,G,S) B Millman 7-9-9 .... S Whitworth 3
4 /3-4 EXCLUSION 19 H Candy 4-9-9 .... W Newnes 4
5 30-0 AKKAZAO 33 (D,F) T Mills 5-9-7 .... N Gwilliams (5) 7
6 12-0 GOOGLY 12 (C,G,S) W Wightman 4-9-6 .... G Bardwell 17
7 0200 CHEVEUX MITCHELL 27 (C,F,G) M Channon 6-9-6 .. C Rutter 2
8 -000 DASWAKI 19 (D,F,S) G Moore 5-9-5 .... B Rouse 12
9 3100 SAAHI 12 (B,D,S) C Weedon 4-9-4 .... K Rutter (5) 16
10 /64- YOUNG MAX 364 D Elsworth 4-9-1 .... T Quinn 18
11 050/- WAKI GOLD 188J (F) M Channon 6-9-0 .... Lorna Vincent 13
12 45-4 VANBOROUGH LAD 10 (G,S) M Haynes 4-8-13 .... M Hills 1
13 60-0 THAMES GLOW 10 (G) D Elsworth 4-8-10 .... J Williams 11
14 41/- DUCKEY FUZZ 699 (G) R Flower 5-8-5 .... Paul Eddery 5
15 00-0 COURT MINSTREL 16 (D,F) L Holt 4-8-5 .... C Avery 8
16 100- BROADWAY RUCKUS 171 (S) D Laing 4-8-4 .... S O'Gorman 14
17 650- HEAVYWEIGHT 255 D Grappell 4-8-3 .... A Tucker (3) 9
18 321- WAKIL 254 (F) L Cottrell 4-8-3 .... N Carlisle 6
4-1 Googly, 5-1 Grand Vitesse, Saahi, 6-1 Exclusion, Sand Table, 8-1 Thames Glow, 10-1 Broadway Ruckus, 12-1 others.

3.50 DOUGLAS RATED HANDICAP
(£7,556: 1m 6f) (7)
1 05-2 CASTLE COURAGEOUS 10 (D,F,G) Lady Herries 6-9-7 J Reid 3
2 3-02 DURSHAN 10 (F,G) J Jenkins 4-8-13 .... S Whitworth 6
3 4-35 SECRET SOCIETY 19 (BF,F) R Williams 6-8-12 .... J Williams 7
4 10-4 CRYSTAL CROSS 19 (G) I Balding 4-8-6 .... M Hills 2
5 56-0 ULURU 13 (S) C Nash 5-8-7 .... T Williams 4
6 3000 EL DOMINIO 8 (G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-7 .. J Quinn 5
7 640- RICH PICKINGS 28J D R Tucker 4-8-7 .... G Bardwell 1
2-1 Castle Courageous, 9-4 Crystal Cross, 5-2 Secret Society, 8-1 Uluru, 10-1 Durshan, 20-1 El Dominio, 33-1 Rich Pickings.

4.20 LEVY BOARD LIMITED STAKES
(£3,004: 6f) (15)
1 0520 RUSHANES 17 (S) (D,BF) T Casey 6-9-10 .... W Newnes 15
2 0-00 SYLVAN SABRE 19 (V,D,F,S) P Mitchell 4-9-10 S Whitworth 13
3 033- BLUE TOPAZE 198 (CD,S) P Murphy 5-9-5 .... J Williams 5
4 506- FAY'S SONG 187 (D,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-5 .... T Quinn 7
5 60-1 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 10 (D,F,G) Mrs A King 4-9-5 A Garth (5) 14
6 -353 LADY ROXANNE 33 (V) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-5 D Harrison (3) 3
7 040/ NIGEL'S LUCKY GIRL 532 (D,G) R Harris 5-9-5 .... C Dwyer 9
8 05-0 ARRAS ROYALE 10 J Long 3-8-12 .... N Adams 1
9 10- JEREMIAHS BOY 264 (S) R Hodges 3-8-12 .... Paul Eddery 10
10 3-05 MURPHY'S HOPE 18 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-12 .... W Ryan 6
11 53-0 STALLED 110 P Walwyn 3-8-12 .... T Rogers 11
12 40-0 LADY RELKO 16 R Voorspuy 3-8-7 .... S Dawson 12
13 050- PETONELLAJILL 258 R Hannon 3-8-7 .... Mark Denaro (7) 2
14 000- POLAR STORM 205 (D,F) Lady Herries 3-8-7 .... J Reid 8
15 23-2 VICTORIA HALL 23 W Turner 3-8-7 .... N Carlisle 4
3-1 Fay's Song, 4-1 Blue Topaze, 9-2 Lady Roxanne, 6-1 Followmegirls, Murphy's Hope, 8-1 Polar Storm, Stalled, 12-1 others.

4.50 MORRISTON MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 3-Y-O: £3,552: 1m) (16)
1 0-5 ANORAK 14 L Cumani 9-0 .... J Weaver (3) 2
2 0-00 BAYFAN 12 J Moore 9-0 .... B Rouse 4
3 0 BEVERLY KNIGHT 12 D Murray-Smith 9-0 .... C Rutter 6
4 4-0 CHIPPENDALE LADD 22 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 Stephen Davies (5) 15
5 6-2 CLOUDED ELEGANCE 12 I Balding 9-0 .... M Hills 10
6 00- DONTDRESSFORDINNER 205 D R Tucker 9-0 .... G Bardwell 9
7 0 FOX SPARROW 12 R Charlton 9-0 .... S Raymont 11
8 HARD ROCK MINER T McGovern 9-0 .... A Tucker (3) 7
9 000- MAGIC FAN 208 P Harris 9-0 .... N Adams 13
10 MUMAYYAZ H Thomson Jones 9-0 .... N Carlisle 3
11 RUE REMBRANDT G Harwood 9-0 .... Paul Eddery 14
12 SIMPLY A HERO D Elsworth 9-0 .... J Williams 8
13 204- SIMPLY FINESSE 224 R Akehurst 9-0 .... T Quinn 5
14 66- SLIVOVITZ 188 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 .... W Ryan 16
15 0- TURTLE POWER 173 T Thomson Jones 9-0 .... S Whitworth 1
16 PADDINGTON GIRL J Dunlop 8-9 .... W Newnes 12
2-1 Clouded Elegance, 100-30 Anorak, 6-1 Mumayyaz, 8-1 Simply A Hero, 10-1 Slivovitz, Rue Rembrandt, Simply Finesse, 12-1 Fox Sparrow, 16-1 Chippendale Lad, Paddington Girl, 20-1 Beverley Knight, 25-1 others.

5.20 SUTHERLAND HANDICAP
(£3,236: 6f) (20)
1 40-0 MACFARLANE 17 (G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 5-10-0 J Weaver (3) 19
2 050- CONISTON LAKE 152 (F) G Moore 4-9-12 .... B Rouse 13
3 20-0 AFFIDARE 34 B Hills 4-9-8 .... W Ryan 16
4 0010 UNVEILED 17 (C,D,F,G) R Hodges 5-9-6 .... M Hills 6
5 2253 LORD NASKRA 24 (D) W O'Gorman 4-9-6 Emma O'Gorman (3) 9
6 00-6 LEIGH CROFTER 33 (V,G) P Murphy 4-9-6 .... J Williams 11
7 20-4 FACE THE FUTURE 22 P Harris 4-9-5 .... N Adams 1
8 52-0 FACE NORTH 17 (C,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-3 .... T Quinn 5
9 150- MY RUBY RING 182 (CD,F,G,S) D Laing 6-9-3 D Harrison (3) 17
10 4031 PALACEGATE GOLD 10 (D,F,G) R Hodges 4-9-1 (6ex) S Drowne (7) 4
11 40-0 GREY CHARMER 17 (CD,F,G) C James 4-8-13 .... W Newnes 2
12 5-20 COPPERMILL LAD 17 (D,F,S) L Holt 10-8-10 .... J Reid 3
13 00-0 OYSTON'S LIFE 10 (F) R Phillips 4-8-8 .... C Rutter 7
14 -022 HITCHIN A RIDE 17 (G) M Muggeridge 6-8-7 .... J Comber 20
15 0-43 GREAT HALL 17 (B,D) P Cundell 4-8-6 Stephen Davies (5) 15
16 2300 COURTING NEWMARKET 10 (D) Mrs A Knight 5-8-4 S Whitworth 14
17 -350 ZINBAQ 18 (D,F,G,S) C Benstead 7-7-12 .... T Williams 10
18 00/- PRINCESS JESSICA 862 P Butler 6-7-11 .... D McCabe (7) 12
19 000- ORCHARD BAY 185 (F) D R Tucker 4-7-10 .... A Tucker (3) 18
20 0000 LOOTING 17 (D,F,B,S) M Usher 7-7-10 .... J Quinn 8
11-2 Face The Future, 6-1 Palacegate Gold, 7-1 Face North, 8-1 Hitchin A Ride, Lord Naskra, 10-1 Macfarlane, Unveiled, 12-1 Affidare, Coppermill Lad, 14-1 Leigh Crofter, My Ruby Ring, 16-1 Great Hall, 20-1 Coniston Lake, Zinbaq, 25-1 others.

5.50 MORRISTON MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 3-Y-O: £3,523. 1m) (16)
1 00- AZRAG 220 T Thomson Jones 9-0 .... S Whitworth 3
2 00- BANG ON TIME 211 P Murphy 9-0 .... J Quinn 4
3 CRIMINAL RECORD Lord Huntingdon 9-0 .... D Harrison (3) 12
4 0-0 ESERIE DE CORES 17 C Weedon 9-0 .... C Hodgson (5) 15
5 0 FABULOUS MTOTO 15 D Elsworth 9-0 .... J Williams 14
6 2-2 FLASHFEET 19 I Balding 9-0 .... M Hills 9
7 50 JUST JAMIE 12 G Lewis 9-0 .... Paul Eddery 7
8 5 LORD BOTHWELL 16 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 Stephen Davies (5) 6
9 020- MIDYAN BLUE 208 J Eustace 9-0 .... B Rouse 10
10 6 TASSET 10 P Cole 9-0 .... T Quinn 5
11 0-0 TOP CEES 21 P Harris 9-0 .... N Adams 2
12 0 LANZAMAR 9 R Phillips 8-9 .... C Rutter 8
13 6- LA POSADA 191 R Hannon 8-9 .... R Perham 13
14 64- PLAY WITH ME 199 J Dunlop 8-9 .... W Ryan 16
15 00- SEASON'S STAR 215 H Candy 8-9 .... S Dawson 11
16 00 TOCCATELLA 10 B Meehan 8-9 1
7-4 Flashfeet, 4-1 Tasset, 5-1 Fabulous Mtoto, 8-1 Lord Bothwell, Midyan Blue, Play With Me, 10-1 Top Cees, 12-1 Criminal Record, 14-1 Just Jamie, 16-1 Lord Bothwell, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 27 winners from 78 runners, 34.6%; L Cumani, 7 from 24, 29.2%; M Stoute, 4 from 19, 21.1%; R Charlton, 5 from 31, 16.1%; P Cole, 12 from 76, 15.8%; H Thomson Jones, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: A Tucker, 6 winners from 33 rides, 18.2%; M Hills, 7 from 41, 17.1%; D Harrison, 3 from 18, 16.7%; J Reid, 16 from 119, 13.4%; B Rouse, 17 from 160, 10.6%; J Williams, 18 from 187, 9.6%.

Blinkered first time
SALISBURY: 3.20 Saahi, 4.20 Lady Roxanne

Shawiya to rule again in competitive hurdle

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

THIS season's top juvenile hurdlers clash in the Ir£50,000 Murphy's Irish Stout Champion Hurdle at Punchestown today.

Shawiya put up a brave performance to win the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham by three-quarters of a length from Amazon Express, with Major Bugler and Judicial Field third and fourth.

Of this quartet, only Amazon Express is an absentee but a worthy substitute is the Martin Pipe's Lemon's Mill. She took on older horses in the Trafalgar House Supreme Novices' Hurdle and finished a creditable second to the smart Montelado.

Reg Akehurst sends over the unbeaten Dare To Dream, who also comes into the reckoning on his Chepstow victory over Major Bugler, while Aintree form will be upheld by the Glenlivet Hurdle winner, Titled Dancer.

When Shawiya and Title Dancer met over this course and distance in February, Shawiya got the better of the duel by half a length, but form lines suggest a blanket finish with Shawiya just prevailing.

Another outstanding clash comes in the Bank of Ireland Colliers Chase, which features the fifth meeting of the season between Soft Day and How's The Boss. The latter eventually got his head in front when Soft Day fell in the lead at the last fence in the Power Gold Cup at Fairyhouse. However, the winner was travelling so smoothly under Mark Dwyer at the time that I doubt if there would have been a different result even if Soft Day had stood up. As Mark Dwyer is temporarily out of action through injury, Charlie Swan has picked up the mount on How's The Boss.

Two previous winners this week, Viking Flagship and Force Seven, turn out again here. Viking Flagship beat older horses in Tuesday's big handicap, but his jumping was not as fluent as that of Force Seven.

HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER
2.05 Romola Nijinsky. 2.35 Sky Wish. 3.05 Shadow Jury. 3.35 Portite Sophie. 4.05 Dances With Gold. 4.35 Persuasive.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F 4YD-6F 5YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.05 EAGLESHAM LIMITED STAKES
(£2,534: 1m 1l 36yd) (8 runners)
1 0-20 ACHELOUS 10 (V,C,S) J Glover 6-8-11 .... S D Williams (3) 4
2 000- ARAGON AYR 7J P Monteith 5-8-11 .... N Connorton 3
3 8/40 BRECKENBROUGH LAD 7 (S) T Barron 6-8-11 .. V Halliday (7) 2
4 /00- SRIVIJAYA 13J (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-11 Darren Moffatt (7) 1
5 00-0 STRANGERSINTHENITE 15 (B) J Wainwright 4-8-11 L Charnock 8
6 2-04 AEGAEN LADY 7 (CD,S) J Etherington 4-8-6 .... J Carroll 6
7 0-11 ROMOLA NIJINSKY 7 (5) P Evans 5-8-6 .... K Darley 7
8 004- TINA MEENA LISA 234 E Owen Jr 4-8-6 .... J Lowe 5
11-8 Romola Nijinsky, 4-1 Srivijaya, 11-2 Aegean Lady, 8-1 Achelous, 8-1 Breckenbrough Lad, 12-1 Aragon Ayr, 25-1 others.

2.35 BELLSHILL CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,422: 1m 65yd) (6)
1 03-6 SKY WISH 14 Miss S Hall 8-9 .... N Connorton 4
2 126- ALWAYS RISKY 180 (D,BF,G) Miss L Perratt 8-8 R Havlin (7) 1
3 20-0 CALISAR 21 (G,BF) W G M Turner 8-7 .... T Sprake 2
4 00-2 FRIENDLY KNIGHT 31 J Haldane 8-5 .... K Darley 3
5 4214 DESIRABLE MISS 2 (V,S) M Brittain 8-4 .... J Lowe 5
6 0-60 ANUSHA 15 (B,C) J Berry 8-2 .... J Carroll 6
3-1 Calisar, 100-30 Sky Wish, 4-1 Desirable Miss, 9-2 Anusha, 6-1 Always Risky, 13-2 Friendly Knight.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 18 winners from 74 runners, 21.6%; J Etherington, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Berry, 45 from 232, 19.4%, M Jarvis, 5 from 26, 19.2%; C W C Elsey, 3 from 16, 18.8%; S Norton, 10 from 59, 16.9%.

JOCKEYS: T Sprake, 6 winners from 21 rides, 28.6%; J Carroll, 36 from 185, 19.5%, K Darley, 34 from 221, 15.4%; R Havlin, 4 from 26, 15.4%; D Nicholls, 20 from 151, 13.2%; N Connorton, 11 from 93, 11.8%.

3.05 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT SCOTCH WHISKY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,768: 6f 5yd) (7)
1 200- MY BALLYBOY 153 (B) A Bailey 9-7 .... A Mackay 5
2 -055 SHADOW JURY 12 (F,G) D Chapman 9-6 .... K Darley 1
3 2831 MISS WHITTINGHAM 8 (D,S) J Berry 9-4 (7ex) .... J Carroll 2
4 04-5 LAMSONETTI 23 R Whitaker 8-13 .... A Culhane 3
5 0-41 HIGH ROMANCE 21 (C,S) D Moffatt 8-11 .. Darren Moffatt (7) 7
6 40-6 BURISHKI 23 (G,D) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-7 .... D Wright (7) 4
7 0-00 MATTHEW DAVID 8 (B,D) M Brittain 8-5 .... J Lowe 6
7-4 High Romance, 7-2 Miss Whittingham, 4-1 Burishki, 6-1 Shadow Jury, 7-1 Lamsonetti, 12-1 My Ballyboy, 25-1 Matthew David.

3.35 COATBRIDGE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,444: 5f 4yd) (7)
1 BACCANALIA R Fisher 9-0 .... D Nicholls 6
2 00 HILTONS TRAVEL 19 (V) E Alston 9-0 .... S Webster 5
3 MONKEY'S WEDDING J Berry 9-0 .... J Carroll 3
4 TRENDY DANCER S Norton 9-0 .... O Pears (5) 4
5 U MARBLE 31 D Moffatt 8-9 .... N Connorton 7
6 22 PORTITE SOPHIE 19 M Brittain 8-9 .... M Wigham 2
7 4 TENDER NORTH 10 P Haslam 8-9 .... K Darley 1
13-8 Portite Sophie, 2-1 Monkey's Wedding, 13-2 Tender North, 8-1 Baccanalia, 10-1 Hiltons Travel, Trendy Dancer, 14-1 Marble

4.05 DRUMLOCH RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (£2,691: 1m 4f 17yd) (4)
1 356- ACQUISITION 18J (B) S Payne 6-9-12 .... S Webster 4
2 0-40 THOR POWER 13 D Thom 4-9-12 .... K Darley 1
3 400- CHIAPPUCCI 188 (V) M Jarvis 3-8-5 .... J Carroll 2
4 0-25 DANCES WITH GOLD 7 M Johnston 3-8-0 .... J Lowe 3
11-10 Dances With Gold, 5-2 Chiappucci, 3-1 Thor Power, 10-1 Acquisition.

4.35 EAST KILBRIDE HANDICAP
(£2,950: 1m 4f 17yd) (8)
1 6-01 PHILGUN 21 (C,F,S) C W Elsey 4-9-10 .... S Maloney (3) 1
2 10-3 PERSUASIVE 8J (C,G,S) Miss L Perratt 6-9-8 .... Dale Gibson 4
3 050- WEST WITH THE WIND 76J (CD,F,G) M Dods 6-8-13 J Lowe 7
4 5460 MINGUS 21 (D,S) R Fisher 6-8-12 .... D Nicholls 6
5 20-0 INVISIBLE ARMOUR 115 P Haslam 4-8-6 .... C Adamson (7) 3
6 330- SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 212 (F) S Norton 5-7-13 Darren Moffatt (7) 5
7 /0-0 BEAUMOOD 15 (C,D,F,G,S) E Alston 7-7-13 .... D Wright (7) 8
8 0/0- LOCAL DEALER 142J J Bottomley 5-7-12 .... L Charnock 2
2-1 Persuasive, 9-4 Philgun, 5-1 Mingus, 13-2 Shamshom Al Arab, 8-1 West With The Wind, 10-1 Invicible Armour, 16-1 Beaumood, 25-1 Local Dealer.

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Jones in line for US after taming Hoekstra

ROB Jones may receive an invitation to the United States from Graham Taylor after his excellent performance in England's 3-0 defeat of Holland in the Uefa under-21 championship at Fratton Park on Tuesday night.

The Liverpool youngster, tipped to be his country's right back for the next decade after an outstanding Wembley debut against France 14 months ago, emerged from his injury problems to earn high praise from Lawrie McMenemy, the team manager.

After taming Peter Hoekstra, PSV Eindhoven's highly regarded winger, Jones is likely to be pencilled into the senior squad for this summer's USA Cup, which involves Germany, Brazil and the World Cup hosts.

"It was a fascinating contest," McMenemy said. "He won't come up against many 6ft 2in wingers who are as quick and skilful, but he came out just on top. Against a lesser full back, Hoekstra could have caused a lot of damage."

Jones missed a second-half chance to score his first goal since he left Crewe but by then England had the game well won, Mike Sheron scoring twice in the first 30 minutes and setting up the other goal for Darren Anderton, who was returning to the ground where he made his reputation.

Two opening defeats effectively spoilt England's hopes of qualifying for the later stages but they have now taken five points from their last three games.

"We've shown that English players have a fair bit of skill too," the manager added. "We tend to rave about players like the Dutch and overlook that some of our lads can live with them at this level."

While Anderton was on duty at Fratton Park, his Tottenham Hotspur teammates were saying farewell to one of the club's most popular players of recent years. Cries of "Nayim" echoed around White Hart Lane for the last time as Real Madrid won the first Fiorucci Cup.

There was no glorious swansong for Nayim, however, as Spurs finished goalless and bottom in the three-team tournament in which each team played the others in 45-minute games.

Nayim, who is due to join Real Zaragoza tomorrow, came closest to scoring in front of a crowd of 7,651 when he curled a free kick against the bar in the goalless game with Internazionale.

Spurs, who lost the night's first game 1-0 to Real, were defeated 6-5 on penalties by the Italian visitors. Real defeated Inter 2-1 in the final game.

On the league front, Wrexham made sure of automatic promotion to the second division with a 2-0 win away to Northampton Town, Gary Bennett scoring both goals.

Russia maintain unbeaten record with 3-0 victory over Hungary

Brave San Marino fall to Furtok goal

SAN Marino, who had conceded 28 goals in their previous six World Cup qualifiers, lost only 1-0 to Poland in a European group two match yesterday. Jan Furtok scored the decisive headed goal from a pass by Roman Kosecki in the 68th minute.

This followed a listless first half in which the scoring chances Poland created were either off target or saved by Pier Luigi Benedettini, the San Marino goalkeeper.

The result leaves Poland in fourth place while San Marino remain at the bottom after their sixth defeat in seven games.

Russia scored three second-half goals to sweep aside Hungary in group five and take a big step towards next year's finals.

After a poor first half, Andrei Kanchelskis, of Manchester United, turned the match in the 55th minute when he ran on to a pass and jinked past three defenders before slotting the ball home.

Five minutes later, Sergei Kolyvanov made it 2-0 with a powerful drive from 20 yards and Sergei Yuran scored a similar goal four minutes from time.

The victory gives Russia a maximum eight points from four games and lifted them to within one point of Greece, who have played one game more.

The fate of the controversial new stadium that will stage the 1998 World Cup final is back in the melting pot. Michele Alliot-Marie, the French sports minister, told parliament on Wednesday. The previous socialist government selected the new town of Senart: 30 miles from the centre of Paris, as the site for the $560 million stadium but Alliot-Marie said the decision could be changed in the coming months.

"We are looking at different solutions," she said. "A definite decision will be taken at the beginning of the summer." A number of sites closer to the French capital are thought to be under review and there has been speculation that the government might consider enlarging the Parc des Princes stadium rather than build a new one.

The minister said there were serious difficulties in the financing of the Senart project. The construction of an 80,000 all-seater stadium was an integral part of France's successful bid to stage the 1998 World Cup but it has become a thorny issue, dogged by political squabbling.

Jean Glavany, government delegate in charge of the project when Senart was selected in 1991, said later that the stadium would be built in the new town or not at all.

Senart was chosen from an original list of almost 30 sites when Michel Rocard was prime minister but political rumblings continued and the decision was reviewed again last year after Pierre Bérégovoy took over as French premier.

His decision in December last year confirmed Senart as the stadium's site and procedures were later started to call on international architects to submit design projects.

But the change of government last month inevitably threw a spanner in the works as the new interior minister, Charles Pasqua, was the leading supporter of Senart's strongest conwest of Paris. Senart was never a popular choice among the nation's sports bodies because of its distance from Paris but there are also problems with all the other sites which have been proposed.

Some government officials have suggested it may already be too late to resurrect the Nanterre plan while another proposal to build the stadium in the Bois de Vincennes, east of Paris, has met with strong environmental objections. Enlarging the Parc des Princes from its present capacity of 47,000 to 60,000 would also be far from ideal.

The government wants a large stadium with an athletics track which could be the linchpin of a bid for a future Summer Olympics but there is no room for such a track at the Parc. There are also parking problems.



Unhappy challenger: Tucker, right, shows his anger at being kept waiting when he poses with Lewis, the champion, and King, the promoter, in New York yesterday

Tucker comes out swinging against tardy Lewis

LENNOX Lewis arrived unfashionably late, sending the challenger, Tony Tucker, on the attack at an ill-tempered news conference in New York yesterday called to promote their May 8 heavyweight title bout in Las Vegas.

Lewis and his entourage kept the crowd gathered at a Rockefeller Center restaurant waiting more than an hour before showing up. When the procedings got under way, Tucker voiced his displeasure. "For $9 million, which he is getting for this fight, he should have the dignity to be on time," Tucker, who will be trying to take the World Boxing Council crown from Lewis, said.

"Coming to this press conference so late is embarrassing to me." Lewis and his manager, Frank Maloney, blamed their tardiness on New York City's infamous traffic but that did nothing to soothe the challenger.

Lewis remained cool and calm and would not be drawn into an argument despite an angry glare from Tucker, who demanded that the Briton look him in the eye before he snapped: "I want what you got and I'm gonna have it." Tucker, whose only defeat in 50 bouts came when beaten by Mike Tyson in an International Boxing Federation title bout in 1987, shouted down Lewis's trainer, José Correa.

Correa advised Tucker to "wake up and go back to sleep because you're having a bad dream". But Tucker stood up and snarled: "You're not fighting. Sit yourself down." Lewis, undefeated in 22 fights, kept his own remarks brief. "I am a man of action. On May 8, I will be on time." The promoter, Don King, helped to set the tone of the news conference by criticising Lewis's manager.

King said Maloney, whom he alleged to be "incompetent", had hurt the Tucker championship promotion by having Lewis keep his distance during the run-up to the contest and by negotiating a big-money match for September against his fellow-Briton, Frank Bruno. "Lennox, you have been manipulated and misguided by Maloney," King said. "You should be a household word in every home in America, yet you've been denied that because of some sort of paranoia that Don King wants to steal you.

"Well, don't worry. I won't have anything to do with you while you're with Maloney. Maloney, you are incompetent and you don't know how to deal."

"I learnt the trick from you," countered Maloney, who pointed out that King had arranged for Julio César Chávez, who meets Terrence Ali on the Lewis-Tucker card, to meet Pernell Whitaker in September. Maloney said discussions were in progress for a match against Bruno on September 18 that could be worth $27 million.

Away from the podium, Lewis said he was taking Tucker seriously and was ready to fight. "I can't be fazed," he said about the day's theatrics. They're pretty desperate, using all the tricks of the trade.

"I've trained very hard. I'm on cruise control now, just waiting for May 8."

Ever cool, Lewis paused a moment before responding when asked whether he would consider shifting allegiances away from Maloney to King.

"That depends on what he has to offer," Lewis said with a sly wink.

Jeff Harding, of Australia, is to defend his WBC light-heavyweight championship at Bouscat, near Bordeaux, France, on June 26, according to his manager, Julien Fernandez, of France, announced the news of the bout against the challenger, Mike McCallum, of Jamaica, a former World Boxing Association light-middleweight and middleweight champion, yesterday.

"At the moment, it's 80 per cent certain the world championship will take place at Bouscat," Fernandez said. He will confirm the venue in the next few days.

Tyson may opt for college instead of ring

MIKE Tyson, the former world heavyweight champion, is considering going to college rather than returning to the ring when he leaves prison. In a television interview, Tyson, who has been studying for a high school diploma, said he was considering attending a predominantly black college when he is released.

He also said he would avoid the extravagant lifestyle he had before he was convicted last year of raping a Miss Black America contestant in Indianapolis.

"I can't go that avenue because that avenue put me in a position of where I was irresponsible," Tyson said. "My step right now is to rebuild my life."

He said that being in prison for more than a year had been a difficult experience.

"It's every day I'm walking a thin line through hell," he said. "Only thing you learn to do is become better at what you do when you came in here. If you were a crook when you came in, you're going to become a better crook."

Jean-Baptiste Mendy, of France, will defend his European lightweight title against Carl Crook, of Chorley, in Levallois, France, tonight. The Senegalese-born champion, defending his title for the fifth time in a year, says he will be in the best form of his life when he takes on Crook, who is ranked No 4 in Europe.

"I take every fight very seriously and I'll be in good shape," Mendy said. "My preparations have been fine, and I don't have any more problems with my hands after having had a lot of pain over the last few months."

The 30-year-old boxer was voted top champion in Europe last year.

Tasty bite gives crew an edge

By Barry Pickthall

AFTER 11 days at sea, 68 miles was all that divided the ten-strong British Steel Challenge fleet as the closely bunched yachts began to close on the Equator on the final stage of the race, from Cape Town back to Southampton.

British Steel II and Commercial Union again traced the lead, after Richard Merriweather's crew lost time landing a 12lb dorado caught on a line trailed astern. The meal that followed must have strengthened the sailors resolve, for within hours of the catch, Commercial Union was leading once more, with a seven-mile advantage over British Steel.

The real battle however, continues to be between John Chittenden's Nuclear Electric and Mike Golding's men on Group 4 Securitas, their rivals for first place overall. By yesterday afternoon, Nuclear Electric had reeled in all but one of the 40 miles Group 4 had gained earlier in the week. Chittenden was happy with that, but not with the prospect of becoming becalmed in the Doldrums, just north of the Equator. "The doldrums are not far away and that's where the next phase of this race will be won or lost. The loss to Group 4 is of no consequence compared to what could happen in the calms ahead. We could see changes of 120 miles there," he said.

On Rhone-Poulenc, which nudged Group 4 down to fourth yesterday, the crewman, Steve George, was struck on the back of the head during a spinnaker drop. He was treated for concussion by Campbell MacKenzie, the doctor on board who decided that his wound did not require stitches.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Southampton): 1, British Steel II (R Tudor), 3,737 miles; 2, Commercial Union (R Merriweather), 3,744; 3, Rhone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 3,761; 4, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 3,761; 5, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 3,765; 6, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 3,775; 7, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray), 3,784; 8, Interspray (P Jeffes), 3,789; 9, Holsbrau Lager (P Goss), 3,797; 10, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 3,805.

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☐ British Telecom has stepped in at the last moment to sponsor the Royal Yachting Association's national match-racing championships. The regional series gets under way at Plymouth this weekend in a fleet of Beneteau First Class 8 trailer yachts, and culminates with finals at Pwllheli in October.

Other regional venues include Milford Haven and Queen Mary Reservoir in June, a Scottish event in July and a northern qualifier on Ullswater in August. The winning crew will represent Britain at the IYRU's Nation's Cup world match race series in Helsinki.

BT is also to sponsor the national youth match racing championship in the same fleet of boats at Queen Mary reservoir on June 26, when 18 selected crews will compete for a place in the national finals at Pwllheli.

Unruffled Jansher progresses

JANSHER Khan, the world squash champion, beat Paul Johnson, of Britain, in straight sets to reach the semi-finals of the Tournament of Champions in New York on Tuesday night. Jansher won 15-5, 15-5, 15-4 in just 35 minutes.

Johnson, 20, playing in his first big quarter-final, earned great cheers for each of the handful of points he managed to score. After the match, Jansher joked and signed autographs as Johnson lay exhausted in his corner.

Jansher now plays Brett Martin, who took five sets and 80 minutes to overcome Mir Zaman Gul 15-8, 15-7, 13-15, 12-15, 15-9.

Gul, ranked 251st in the world after missing the whole of 1992 through a disciplinary ban, led 4-0 in the fifth but Martin survived to join his younger brother in the last four.

Rodney Martin, the former world champion, beat Rodney Eyles 15-7, 15-11, 15-13 and meets Chris Dittmar, who defeated Peter Marshall, of Britain, 15-6, 6-15, 15-7, 15-3, in the other semi-final.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

World Cup
Group three

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ASIAN ZONE: Group C, North Korea 2, Indonesia 1, Singapore 1, Vietnam 0

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: France 2, Sweden 1 (in Reims)

GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Leverkusen 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Karlsruhe 1, Kaiserslautern 1; Borussia Monchengladbach 0, Borussia Dortmund 3, Bochum 4, Bayer Uerdingen 1, Saarbrucken 0, Wattenscheid 1; VfB Stuttgart 2, Cologne 0

Late results on Tuesday

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP, Group one: Portugal 2, Scotland 1. Group two: England 3, Holland 0; Norway 5, Turkey 2; Poland 7, San Marino 0. Group three: Ireland 0, Denmark 2. Group four: RCS 1, Wales 1. Group five: Russia 2, Hungary 0. Group six: Bulgaria 3, Finland 1

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second division: Bournemouth 1, Bolton 2, Hull 0, Stockport 2; Port Vale 3, Mansfield 0; Swansea 2, Preston North End 0. Third division: Crewe Alexandra 0, Walsall 1; Northampton 0 Wrexham 2.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Macclesfield 1, Witton 0; Merthyr Tydfil 4, Telford 0. Drinkwise Cup: Final, second leg: Wycombe 2, Northwich 3 (last agg 2-3)

FIORUCCI TRIANGULAR CUP: Tottenham 0, Real Madrid 1, Tottenham 0, Internazionale 0 (Inter won 6-5 on pens); Internazionale 1, Real Madrid 2 (Real won tournament)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton 1, Corby 2; Hastings 5, Weymouth 2. Midland division: Nuneaton 3, Dudley G, RC Warwick 0, Yate 3. Southern division: Braintree 1, Newport (IW) 0; Witney 3, Fisher 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 1, Hendon 1, Dulwich 0, Sutton United 2, St Albans 1, Hayes 0, Windsor and Eton 1, Basingstoke 0, Wokingham 1, Wokingham 0. First division: Abingdon Town 4, Lowes 0, Heybridge 1, Aveley 2, Wembley 1, Dorking 1. Second division: Egham 0, Banstead 2, Witham 2, Barton 2, Worthing 3, Tooley 0. Third division: Kingsbury 3, Feltham and Hounslow 2, Thame 1, Clapton 1

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Whitley Bay 3, Gainsborough 0. First division: Harrogate 1, Ashton 7. Cup: Final: Warrington 1, Winsford 1 (Winsford won 6-5 on pens)

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 2, Ossett Albion 3; Liversedge 1, Thackley 2. Ossett Town 10, Harrogate Railway 1. Pontefract Collieries 2, Belper 1

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Luton 3, Charlton 0, Watford 0, Arsenal 0

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham 2, Stoke 0

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Southend 1, Chelsea 3

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bryn Ferry 1, Alan Lido 1; Haverfordwest 0, Cwmbran 5, Llandudno 1, Bangor 3.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 3; Los Angeles 4, New York Mets 1; Florida 4, Cincinnati 3; Pittsburgh 6, Atlanta 2 (11 inns); Houston 9, St Louis 2; Colorado 11, Chicago Cubs 2; San Diego 4, Montreal 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee 3, Minnesota 2; Toronto 4, Texas 3; Chicago White Sox 9, Baltimore 4; Kansas City 4, Detroit 3 (10 inns); Oakland 7, Boston 2; Seattle 4, Cleveland 0; New York Yankees 5, California 0

CRICKET

BRIDGETOWN: Second test: West Indies beat Pakistan by ten wickets

WEST INDIES: First innings 455 (D L Haynes 125, P V Simmons 87, K L T Arthurton 56, B C Lara 51; Waqar Younis 4-132)

Second innings
D L Haynes not out 16
P V Simmons not out 8
Extras (nb 2, w 3) 5
Total (no wkt) 39

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 2.3-0-18-0, Aamir Nazir 2-0-11-0

PAKISTAN: First innings 221 (Basit Ali 92 not out; C A Walsh 4-56).

Second innings
Aamir Sohail c Benjamin b Ambrose 4
Ramiz Raja lbw b Walsh 25
Asif Mujtaba lbw b Benjamin 41
Javed Mandad c Arthurton b Hooper 43
†Moin Khan c Murray b Hooper 17
Basit Ali lbw b Walsh 37
Inzamam-ul-Haq lbw b Benjamin 26
*Wasim Akram b Benjamin 0
Waqar Younis c Lara b Hooper 29
Atib-ur-Rehman c Simmons b Walsh 13
Aamir Nazir not out 6
Extras (b 12, lb 5, nb 4) 21
Total 262

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BOWLING: Ambrose 26-10-55-1; Bishop 4-1-13-0 (nb 3); Benjamin 17-7-30-3, Walsh 24-7-51-3 (nb 1), Hooper 32.3-6-96-3.

Umpires: H D Bird and L H Barker

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Third stage: 171km (Vigo to Orense): 1, L Jalabert (Fr) 4hr 19min 21sec. 2, D Abdoujaparov (Uzbekistan) at same time, 3, T Rominger (Switz) at 25sec. Overall positions: 1, A Zuelle (Switz) 9hr 52min 5sec, 2, Jalabert at 29 sec, 3, E Breukink (Holl), at 30sec; 4, Rominger at same time, 5, M Alonso (Sp), at 32sec; 6, J Gotcopo (Sp) at same time 7, A Garmendia (Sp), at 35sec, 8, S Hodge (Aus), 36, 9, M Mauri (Sp) at same time; 10, T Marie (Fr), 38.

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final: Canada 5, Finland 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: First round: Toronto 5, Detroit 4 (OT); Los Angeles 9, Calgary 4, Winnipeg 4 Vancouver 3 (OT)

SQUASH

NEW YORK: Tournament of Champions: Quarter-finals: R Martin (Aus) bt R Eyles (Aus), 15-7, 15-11, 15-13; C Dittmar (Aus) bt P Marshall (GB), 15-6, 6-15, 15-7, 15-3; J Khan (Pak) bt P Johnson (GB), 15-5, 15-5, 15-4; B Martin (Aus) bt M Zaman Gul (Pak), 15-8, 15-7, 13-15, 12-15, 15-9

TENNIS

MADRID: Open tournament: First round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt A Mancisidor (Sp), 6-4, 6-2

Second round: F Davin (Arg) bt A Chesnokov (Rus), 6-4, 6-4.

MUNICH: Munich Open: First round: M Stich (Ger) bt B Karbacher (Ger), 6-3, 6-3; M Nainwa (Ger) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 6-3, 6-1; T Muster (Austria) bt C-J Steeb (Cor), 6-4, 6-2; P Korda (Cz Rep) bt M Larsson (Swe), 7-5, 6-4; M Damm (Cz Rep) bt T Enqvist (Swe), 7-5, 7-5; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt D Prinosil (Ger), 6-1, 6-2; N Kulti (Swe) bt G Pérez-Roldán (Arg), 6-3, 6-3

HAMBURG: Women's tournament: First round: A Sanchez-Vicario (Sp) bt B Rantzatke (Austria), 7-6, 6-3; M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt K Kschwendt (Ger), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; H Rusch (Ger) bt S Staud (Fr), 6-3, 6-0; M Seles (Yug) bt M Strandlund (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; N Baudone (It) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr), 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; P Begerow (Ger) bt N van Lottum (Holl), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; A Huber (Ger) bt B Fulco-Villella (Arg), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; P Tarabini (Arg) bt S Franki (Ger), 6-4, 6-1; M Maleeva (Bul) bt C Singer (Ger), 6-4, 7-5, L Meskhi (Geo) bt L Nealand (Aal), 6-4, 6-0

Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt L Meskhi (Georgia), 6-1, 6-2; M Maleeva (Bul) bt W Probst (Ger), 6-1, 7-6; K Maleeva (Bul) bt V Kroupova (Cz Rep), 6-4, 6-3; J Novotna (Cz Rep) bt H Rusch (Ger), 6-3, 6-3

ROME: Women's tournament: First round: N Ercegovic (Cro) bt C Wood (GB), 6-3, 6-1

ATLANTA: Men's first round (US unless stated): P Sampras bt V Spadea, 6-2, 6-4; J Eltingh (Holl) bt J Morgan (Aus), 7-5, 7-6; J Palmer bt R Reneberg, 7-6, 7-6; B Shelton bt L Lavalle (Mex), 6-2, 6-4; C Mezzadri (It) bt A Szmajder (Can), 6-3, 6-2; M Washington (US) bt J Connors (US), 7-6, 6-2; B Gabben (US) bt E Ferreira (SA), 4-6, 6-2, 7-6; M Wilander (Swe) bt L Herrera (Mex), 6-2, 6-3

LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA satellite tournament: First round: Men: M Zimmerman (US) bt A Richardson (Lanz), 6-4, 6-1; M Tobbutt (Aus) bt Y Lafoutaro (Can), 6-3, 6-0; P Kilderry (Aus) bt R Matheson (West of Scot), 7-6, 7-5; P Hand (Berks) bt J Baty (Hants), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6; D Sapsford (Surrey) bt J Hunter (Surrey), 6-0, 6-0; T Hampel (Holl) bt B Larkham (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; P Languardt (Den) bt J Delgado (Beries), 6-1, 6-4

Women: I Kuna (US) bt C Grunes (Ger), 6-2, 6-0; J Putlin (Sussex) bt S Pitten (It), 6-4, 6-4; V Batut (Fr) bt C Goy (Lux), 6-1, 1-0 retired; E Krejcova (Cz Rep) bt A Zhadkova (Austria), 6-3, 8-1; C Hunt (Dorset) bt C Taylor (Oxford), 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; N Egorova (Rus) bt S Boulding (Yorks), 6-3, 6-3; M Seibold (Ger) bt M Mier (GB), 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; C Billingham (Oxford) bt L Needham (GB), 6-2, 6-1; C Hall (Dorset) bt L Fletcher (Middlesborough), 6-1, 6-1; V Lake (Devon) bt M Garcia (Sp), 6-2, 6-0; A Castera (Fr) bt K Warne-Holland (Cheshi), 6-1, 6-3; L Hall (Devon) bt S Tan (Isle of Man), 6-4, 6-1; J Humphreys (SA) bt K Nugent (Ire), 7-6, 6-4

JAKARTA: Women's Indonesian open: First round: M Yanagi (Japan) bt E Svgilerova (Cz Rep), 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Wasserman (Holl) bt M Kiono (Holl), 6-1, 6-3, M Jaggard La (Aus) bt A Kerek (Rom), 6-2, 6-0; R Tejakusuma (Indo) bt E de Lone (US), 7-6, 6-3; N Studenikova (Cz Rep) bt J Richardson (US), 6-3, w/o, N Arent (US) bt T Monon (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, R Dragomir (Rom) bt K Radford (Aus), 6-2, 6-2; M Jawer (US) bt A Sugiyama (Japan), 6-4, 6-2, Y Basuki (Indo) bt P Sung Hee (S Kor), 6-0, 6-2, A Grossman (US) bt N Miyagi (Japan), 7-6, 6-3.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

GM Vauxhall Conference
Stafford v Wycombe
Witton v Runcorn

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow v Sutton. First division: Dorking v Abingdon (7.45); Whyteleafe v Wembley. Second division: Maldon Vale v Banstead. Metropolitan Police v Worthing (7.45). Southall v Harefield Associate members Trophy: Final: Barton v Northwood (at Chesham).

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: President's Cup Final: Southport v Winsford. First division: Warrington v Bridlington.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Lamot Pils Trophy: Final: Maghull v Skelmersdale. Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Nantwich v Chadderton

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Second division: Washington v Whickham.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull v Dover. Southern division: Buckingham v Witney; Erith and Belvedere v Fisher.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Plymouth Argyle v Mangotsfield.

PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Coventry v Port Vale (7.0). Wigan v Preston (7.0)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance championship
First day of four
110, 110 overs minimum

CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Sussex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Middlesex
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Somerset
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Surrey
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

Other match
Headingley: Yorkshire v Lancashire

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Second day of three): Derby: Derbyshire v Hampshire, Manchester: Lancashire v Surrey; Uxbridge: Middlesex v Gloucestershire; Hove: Sussex v Durham; Coventry and North Warwicks: Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire; Worcester: Worcester v Lancashire.

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Ford women's classic tournament (Woburn).
SNOOKER: Embassy World championship (Sheffield).
SPEEDWAY: First division: Ipswich v Cradley Heath (7.30). Second division: Middlesbrough v Newcastle. Knockout cup: Sheffield v Long Eaton (7.30)
TENNIS: LTA spring satellite tournament (Lee-on-Solent).

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (44639)
7.00 Breakfast News (32634523)
9.05 Verdict presented by Will Hanrahan. A thought-provoking programme in which the studio jury consider whether in trials of rape should the law take the woman at her word. Among those with a view is the retired judge, James Pickles (1597900)
9.35 King of the Road Ross King and Anna Walker visit York (9081748)
10.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (8213417) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (7618271)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick (86319694)
12.05 Pebble Mill with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (4932504)
12.45 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. A review of the morning's activities (s) (14426368) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (37587894)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) Weather (62962) **1.30 Neighbours** (Ceefax) (s) (11796523)
1.50 World Snooker The first semi-final of the Embassy world professional championship (55062894)
3.50 Pingu Animation (7546894) **3.55 Chuckleviston** (r) (s) (5086097) **4.15 Happy Families** (r) (s) (5296417) **4.30 Tricks 'n' Tracks** Magic and music series. (Ceefax) (s) (7806894)
4.55 Newsround (7709097) **5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) (s) (2295977)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (741726) Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey (Ceefax) Weather (900)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (252) Northern Ireland: Neighbours. Wales: 6.55 Party Election Broadcast (Plaid Cymru)
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (5436)

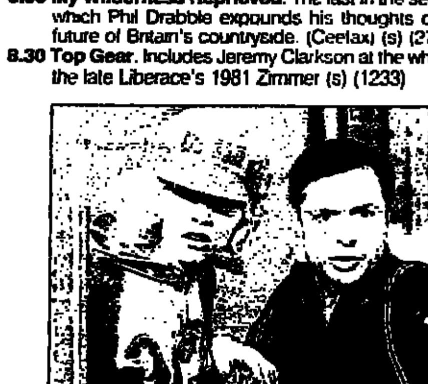


Prison visit: Letitia Dean, Ross Kemp (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (436)
8.00 Mulberry. Comedy series starring Karl Howman as the unusual manservant of elderly spinster Miss Farnaby (Geraldine McEwan). (Ceefax) (s) (4184)
8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth and Richard take a weekend break at a golfing hotel in the hope of being invited to play a round with the Major (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3691) Wales: Local Hero
9.00 A Party Election Broadcast by the Green party (456788)
9.05 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (687436)
9.35 Sylvania Waters. The second programme in the fly-on-the-wall series about an unusual suburban household in Sydney, Australia. (Ceefax) (465436)
10.05 The Full Wax. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (584487). Northern Ireland: Spotlight
10.35 Question Time presented from Bristol by Peter Sissons. Round the table this week are Emma Nicholson, MP, Liz Symons, general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants, Pam Charlwood, regional manager of South West Regional Health Authority, and Glenys Kinnock (562726) Northern Ireland. The Full Wax 11.05 Question Time
11.35 Law and Order. American crime series. When a wealthy businessman and his wife are gunned down suspicion falls on their two sons who hated the father but stand to inherit his millions (r) (s) (958894). Northern Ireland: 12.05am-12.50 Law and Order **12.25am Weather** (4222108)

BBC2

6.45 Open University 8.00 Breakfast News (8598691) **8.15 Westminster** (5518165)
9.00 Daytime On Two Educational programmes including, for children, **9.45 You and Me** (2136894) **1.20 Noddy** (s) (13494707) **1.30 Funnybones** (s) (62542788) **1.35 Pinny's House** (62647287)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) **2.15 Nambikkai** The story of Ian Stillman, himself deaf, and his quest with his Indian wife, to establish India's only rural training centre for the deaf in Tamil Nadu (9230523)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (8294523) followed by **Westminster Live** (8348900) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8633097)
4.00 World Snooker. Semi-final action in the Embassy world professional championship (s) (22417)
5.30 From the Edge. Magazine series looking at topical matters from a disabled viewpoint. (Ceefax) (829)
6.00 Film: Last of the Badmen (1957) starring George Montgomery. Western drama about a Chicago detective who goes undercover in order to bring to justice a gang that break inmates out of prison in order to shoot them and claim the reward money. Directed by Paul Landres (7209894). Wales: Party Election Broadcast (Plaid Cymru) 6.05 Star Trek 6.55 Rough Guide to Careers
7.20 The Great Picture Trail Neil MacGregor admires Dienc Bout's *Entombment* and Stanley Spencer's *Resurrection, Cookham*. (Ceefax) (250610) Wales. 7.25 Dance Energy 7.35 The Great Picture Trail 7.45-8.00 Animation Now
7.30 First Sight: Driving Obsessions. A report on the steps being taken to curb the worst excesses of young, aggressive drivers. East: Matter of Fact; Midlands: Midlands Report; North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye, South-west: Close Up, West: Close Up West (338)
8.00 My Wilderness Reprieved. The last in the series in which Phil Drabble expounds his thoughts on the future of Britain's countryside. (Ceefax) (s) (2726)
8.30 Top Gear. Includes Jeremy Clarkson at the wheel of the late Liberace's 1981 Zimmer (s) (1233)



Sara Stockbridge, Peter Richardson (9.00pm)

9.00 The Comic Strip Presents... Space Virgins from Planet Sex. (Ceefax) See Choice (143558)
9.35 World Snooker. Highlights of the first session of this evening's semi-final (s) (431097)
10.30 A Party Election Broadcast by the Green party (559417)
10.35 Newsnight with Sue Cameron (459813)
11.20 World Snooker. Further semi-final action (s) (682829) **12.00 Weather** (5008030)
12.05am Jumpcuts. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (5007301)
12.10 Diabetes: Restoring the Balance. A look at the delicate balancing act needed to control diabetes in everyday life (5834740). Ends at **12.35**

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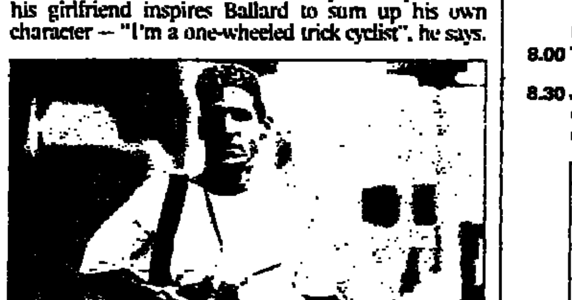
CHOICE

The Comic Strip Presents... Space Virgins from Planet Sex
BBC2, 9.00pm

This week's engaging comedy considers the pressing population problems faced by the far-off planet of Zeta 5. As the last man on the planet, Zorran (Robbie Coltrane) commands his elite team of Space Rats to make haste for Earth where there will be "no time for anything other than breeding". There the Space Virgins, led by Jennifer Saunders and Dawn French, make a beeline for the most brilliant male athletes, scientists, writers and celebrities they can find. The farcical results add up to an entertaining spoof on the corniest of soft porn movies, but with the introduction of Peter Richardson (also director and co-writer) as an outrageously sexist spy, there are also plenty of laughs at the expense of the James Bond pictures.

Memento
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The reliable *Desert Island Discs* format has been successfully adapted in this series which invites guests to nominate their eight most significant objects. Tonight's programme features the fascinating writer J.G. Ballard, author of a host of science fiction works and the autobiographical novel, *Empire of the Sun*. Several of his objects — a mah-jong set and a chess set — take him back to his childhood, much of which was spent in a Japanese prison camp, but his other favourite possessions are in a way more eccentric and more revealing. An American car with a shattered windscreen prompts an intriguing explanation of the thinking behind his shocking book, *Crash*, in which car-crashes are seen as erotic. Finally, a unicycle from his girlfriend inspires Ballard to sum up his own character — "I'm a one-wheeled trick cyclist", he says.



Fox-hunt: paparazzi Victor Malafronte (C4, 9.35pm)

True Stories: 'Blast Em!
Channel 4, 9.35pm

New York celebrity photographer Victor Malafronte clearly considers himself to be a reasonable man, but even he finds himself wondering occasionally just why he is dedicating his life to standing on pavements screaming expletives and jostling his colleagues for the ultimate film star shot. In this enjoyable programme on the paparazzi, we follow Malafronte on his search for the elusive Michael J. Fox, preferably with baby. Along the way there are encounters with names such as John Kennedy Jr, Robert De Niro and Sigourney Weaver — the latter positively cackling when Malafronte runs out of film.

The Full Wax
BBC1, 10.05pm

In this better than average offering from the strident comic, Wax gets to scoff from the same fruit bowl as actor/director Danny DeVito, who, once he's steered off the subject of his worthy new picture, *Hoffa*, has some nice anecdotes about Hollywood casting agents. More than a match for his interviewer, DeVito almost manages to embarrass her by passing over a croissant on which to wipe her sticky, papaya-soaked fingers. For the rest of the show, Wax does her usual trick of virtually ignoring her guests — actresses Patricia Hodge and Shelley Winters. Instead she decides to invite us into her home where poor hubby gets followed into the shower. **Stephanie Billen**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests this morning include Patrick Stewart and Luke Goss (7354097)
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word game show hosted by Lennie Bennett (s) (7797707) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7694691)
10.00 The Time... The Place... (4456829)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (88303233)
12.10 The Riddlers. Young children's fun (8962691)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (1421897) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (93108455)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (113523) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama serial (s) (112894)
2.15 The View Viewers' comments about television programmes and the people who appear on them (104875) **2.45 Take the High Road** Highlands-based drama series (4415558)
3.10 ITN News headlines (8385829) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8204900) **3.20 Blockbusters** Teenagers' general knowledge quiz presented by Bob Holness (s) (1134436)
3.50 Garfield and Friends (r) (5063146) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club** (r) (7821346) **4.35 Tiny Toon Adventures** (7890233) **5.00 Cartoon** featuring Porky Pig (5787252)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (3274566)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (344962)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (Teletext) (59078)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (1794)
7.30 Storyline A documentary following two Britons as they visit Waco, Texas, to find out what really happened to members of their families who died in last week's Branch Davidian inferno (s) (504)
8.00 The Bill Authentic London police drama series (Teletext) (3252)
8.30 Just a Gigolo Episode four of the seven-part comedy starring Tony Slattery as a reluctant employee of an escort agency (Teletext) (1287)

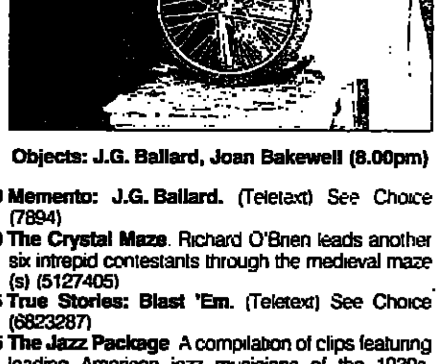


Out of habit: Kristin Scott Thomas (9.00pm)

9.00 Body and Soul. Drama series about a young nun back in the outside world after years in a convent. Starring Kristin Scott Thomas. (Teletext) (s) (8097)
10.00 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Green party (580504)
10.05 News (Teletext) and weather (289815) **10.35 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (284691)
10.45 The Frost Programme. Sir David Frost chairs a discussion on a topical matter of interest to people living in the south-east (s) (257726)
11.45 Raw Soup. A concoction of music, comedy and studio discussion (s) (246610)
12.45 Street Legal. Law drama series starring Cynthia Dale (6462092)
1.40 Hollywood Report (9250030)
2.05 Donahue: Phil Donahue's guests are women with younger boyfriends (5805301)
3.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Don't Sell Yourself Short. A tale with a twist starring David Soul, Terry-Thomas and Leon Pownall (r) (98127)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (92092)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (67189)
5.00 Riviera. Glossy French drama serial (60856)
5.30 ITN Morning News (68837). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w) Classic American comedy series starring Lucille Ball (66982)
6.45 Spiff and Hercules Cat and dog cartoon (3157417)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. Includes **News** headlines every 20 minutes, a newspaper review at **8.03** and at **8.50** Paula Yates's interview with Matthew Modine, star of the film *Wind* (85813)
9.00 You Bet Your Life American game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (64271)
9.30 Schools (832504)
12.00 The Parliament Programme Anne Perkins reports on yesterday's business in both Houses (51707)
12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining early learning series (r) (67815)
1.30 Chicken Minute Children's puppet programme (r) (s) (94900)
2.00 A Joy To Drive The first of three-part series on the cars and their owners from the 1930s to the 1950s (r) (28592287)
2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newarket. Brough Scott presents live coverage of the PRS Professional Revenue Service Handicap (2.30), the Madagans Pretty Polly Stakes (3.00) the Madagans 1,000 Guineas Stakes (3.40), and the Fairfax House Rated Stakes (4.15) (71256233)
4.30 Fifteen To One Fast-moving knock out general knowledge quiz. The question-master is William G. Stewart (Teletext) (s) (417)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show A discussion on runaway teenagers. Among those taking part is Dr Lawrence Balter, author of *Who's in Control?* (Teletext) (s) (7251436)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout Enduring children's entertainment, narrated by Nigel Planer (r) (8768610)
6.00 Desmond's Comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's. In this episode Lee goes to Liverpool to try to find his mother at the same time that she arrives in London looking for him (r) (s) (610)
6.30 A Different World American college campus comedy (s) (962)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (753233)
7.50 Comment (308981)



Objects: J.G. Ballard, Joan Bakewell (8.00pm)

8.00 Memento: J.G. Ballard. (Teletext) See Choice (7894)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien leads another six intrepid contestants through the medieval maze (s) (5127405)
9.35 True Stories: Blast 'Em. (Teletext) See Choice (6823287)
11.05 The Jazz Package A compilation of clips featuring leading American jazz musicians of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s (652078)
11.35 Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's documentary about the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory and in particular the role of the controversial elite Mistra'arvim undercover units who disguise themselves as Arabs and sometimes women in order to infiltrate Palestinian communities (941504)
12.25am The Steve Allen Show (b/w). The guests are Peter Ustinov, who gives his impressions of police officers from around the world, and Jack Lemmon who, incredibly, sings (2869566). Ends at **12.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1134436) **5.10-5.40** Billy (3274566) **6.00** Home and Away (157639) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (331982) **10.45** Anglia Tonight (722271) **11.15** Wideangle (120243) **11.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H (963726) **12.40** Coach (4231856) **1.10** Wrestling (2485059) **1.50** Film: The Enemy Below (161634) **3.40** America's Top Ten (24310092) **4.10** MC Hammer and Lenny Kravitz (67372059) **4.30** Riviera (99856) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60856)

BORDER
As London except: 2.45-3.10 Magic Wok (44155558) **3.20-3.50** GP (1134436) **6.00** Lookaround (368) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (320) **10.45** Lie Stones (970720) **11.15** Prisoner: Cell Block H (619368) **12.10** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93 (2870672) **12.40** Coach (4231856) **1.10** Wrestling (2485059) **1.50** Film: The Enemy Below (161634) **3.40** America's Top Ten (24310092) **4.10** MC Hammer and Lenny Kravitz (70661566) **4.30** Riviera (99856) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60856)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (113523) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (112894) **5.10-5.40** Survival (3274566) **6.00** Home and Away (368) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (320) **10.45** Families (835184) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (686875) **12.40** Coach (4231856) **1.10** Wrestling (2485059) **1.50** Film: The Enemy Below (161634) **3.40** America's Top Ten (24310092) **4.10** MC Hammer and Lenny Kravitz (70661566) **4.30** Riviera (99856) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60856)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (112894) **3.20-3.50** The Young Doctors (1134436) **6.00** HTV News (368) **6.30-7.00** Green Go the Dishes (320) **10.45** The West This Week (442523) **11.30** HTV Weekend Outlook (315320) **11.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H (963726) **12.40** Coach (4231856) **1.10** Wrestling (2485059) **1.50** Film: The Enemy Below (161634) **3.40** America's Top Ten (24310092) **4.10** MC Hammer and Lenny Kravitz (70661566) **4.30** Riviera (99856) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60856)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.25** The Really Helpful Programme **6.55-7.00** Party Political Broadcast (Plaid Cymru) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week **10.45** Storyline **11.15** Weekend Ahead **11.30** Wales and Westminster **12.00** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.55-1.10** Rock Sport

MERIDIAN
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1134436) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (368) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (320) **10.45** The Meridian Audit (442523) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (968271) **12.25** War of the Worlds (6827914) **1.20-1.40** The Twilight Zone (2995769) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (60856)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1134436) **6.00** Tyne Tees Today (368) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (320) **10.45** Darts (442523) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (968271) **12.25** Film: And Now the Screaming Starts (621905) **2.05** America's Top Ten (2285127) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6707635) **3.05** Film: King of the Turf (285634) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (3247189)

ULSTER
As London except: 6.00-7.00 UTV Live at Six (89078) **10.45** Counterpoint (970720) **11.15** Go Fishing (120243) **11.45** Police Precinct (963726) **12.40** Coach (4231856) **1.10** Wrestling (2485059) **1.50** Film: The Enemy Below (161634) **3.40** America's Top Ten (24310092) **4.10** MC Hammer and Lenny Kravitz (70661566) **4.30** Riviera (99856) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60856)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (112894) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (1134436) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (89078) **10.45** Flavio — The Sculptor who is Blind (970720) **11.15** Prisoner: Cell Block H (619368) **12.15** Disaster Chronicles (5837837) **12.40** Coach (4231856) **1.10** Wrestling (2485059) **1.50** Film: The Enemy Below (161634) **3.40** America's Top Ten (24310092) **4.10** MC Hammer and Lenny Kravitz (70661566) **4.30** Riviera (99856) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (60856)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (1134436) **5.55** Calendar (736146) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (320) **10.45** Edit V (442523) **11.30** Prisoner: Cell Block H (968271) **12.25** Film: And Now the Screaming Starts (621905) **2.05** America's Top Ten (2285127) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6707635) **3.05** Film: King of the Turf (285634) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (3247189)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (85813) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (64271) **9.30** Ysgolion (832504) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (51707) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (75829) **1.00** Sesame Street (90184) **2.00** Eat Your Greens (28592287) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing (507287) **4.25** Slot 23 (3262523) **5.00** Fifteen To One (1610) **5.30** The Next Big Thing (487) **6.00** News (517097) **6.10** Heno (102165) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8146) **7.30** O'r Fedwen i'r Fan (146) **8.00** Y Swn (7894) **8.30** Darllediad Gwleidyddol: Plaid Cymru (429233) **8.35** News (262875) **9.00** Syr Wyn (620542) **9.45** Snwcer (475310) **10.15** Film: Phase IV (147962) **11.50** Street Legal (421320) **12.20** Surgical Spirit (2860295) **12.50** Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24916726) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5515875) **9.10** Cartoons (5630078) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (24165) **10.00** Strike It Rich (4437271) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (5972310) **10.30** Concentration (93707) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (24691) **11.30** Falcon Crest (80675) **12.30pm** E Street (28981) **1.00** Another World (6701875) **1.45** Santa Barbara (769726) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (518829) **3.15** Different Strokes (740691) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4381078) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3097) **6.00** Games World (3959) **6.30** E Street (1981) **7.00** Rescue (4726) **7.30** Family Ties (7165) **8.00** Melrose Place (73455) **9.00** Chances (53691) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (85788) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation (64748) **11.30** Studs (89165) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (62392) **6.30** News and Business Report (518287) **9.30** Nightline (99287) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (75165) **11.30** International Business Report (68417) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (79981) **1.30** Good Morning America (70610) **2.30** Parliament Live (8312349) **3.15** Parliament Live (2931726) **4.30** News and Business Report (4078) **5.00** Live at Five (92349) **6.30** News and Business Report (77610) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (5707) **10.30** Nightline (15418) **11.30** ABC News (73829) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (26943) **1.30** ABC News (71818) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (73906) **3.30** ABC News (50081) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (31978) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (18081)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (6473558)
10.00 Teen Agent (1991) Richard Grieco is mistaken for a spy (39097)
12.00 Primo Baby (1989): A teenage girl trains a blind racehorse (98813)
2.00pm Mission of the Shark (1991) True story about the sinking of the cruiser USS Indianapolis during the second world war. Starring Stacy Keach (50558)
4.00 The Time Guardian (1987): Time-travellers warn of a cyborg attack (1829)
6.00 Teen Agent (as 10am) (67894)
8.00 F/X2 — The Deadly Art of Illusion (1991) Special effects expert Bryan Brown is framed for murder (79639)
10.00 Schizoid (1980) Psychiatrist Klaus Kinski's patients are being murdered (12542)
11.30 Supervixens (1975) Russ Meyer's ribald adult comedy (13271)
1.30am Scanners 2: The New Order (1990): Psychics spread terror across the United States (473011)
4.00 Bethune — The Making of a Hero (1990): Donald Sutherland plays the Canadian doctor (42011) Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.15pm Footlight Parade (1933, b/w): James Cagney stages a musical (88692897)
8.00 Woman of the Year (1942, b/w): Comedy starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn (37891)
10.00 The Gauntlet (1977) Clint Eastwood escorts Mob witness Sondra Locke to trial (176829) Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Dot and the Koala (9915469) **7.15 Dot and the Kangaroo** (5024233): Live action and animation
8.40 Where's Willy? A boy genius is a disappointment to his father (89871894)
10.20 The Stooge (1952, b/w): Vaudeville performer Dean Martin becomes a star thanks to Jerry Lewis (12750349)
12.00 Come Blow Your Horn (1963) Neil Simon comedy with Frank Sinatra (96455)
2.00pm The Hireling (1973). Chauffeur Robert Shaw falls in love with 1920s aristocrat Sylvia Miles (78900)
4.00 Where's Willy? (as 8.40am) (9271)
6.00 Criminal Behaviour (1992): Farrah Fawcett defends a woman accused of handling stolen goods (65436)
8.00 Sleeping with the Enemy (1991) Julia Roberts is married to Patrick Bergin (60981)
10.00 Dick Tracy (1990): Warren Beatty plays the comic strip crime-fighter (803981)
11.50 Writer's Block (1991) Whodunit writer Morgan Fairchild decides to kill off her principal character (434320)
1.25am Field of Fire (1991): David Carradine leads a commando force into the Vietnam jungle to rescue a POW (360943)
3.00 That Magic Moment (1990): *American Graffiti*-style drama (833295) Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Morning Stretch (18691) **7.00** German League Football (50165) **9.00** Morning Stretch (61707) **9.30** British League Basketball (51097) **10.30** Motor World (50691) **11.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (80271) **11.30** Morning Stretch (61900) **12.00** World Cup Football: England v Holland (29707) **2.00pm** Golf: Cannes Open (165504) **5.00** ATP Tennis: Monte Carlo Open (3252) **5.30** Netbusters (6078) **6.00** Soccer News (834435) **6.03** WWF All-American Wrestling (57964) **7.00** San Marino Grand Prix (38897) **8.00** Golf: Cannes Open (802523) **11.00** The Boot Room (43829) **12.00** European League Round-Up (46184) **1.00-2.00am** Netbusters (75189)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (68184) **8.00** Golf Magazine (29417) **9.00** NBA Basketball (34788) **10.00** Football: 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (64368) **11.00** Tennis: Madrid Open (97320) **1.00pm** Motor Racing: San Marino Grand Prix (82788) **2.00** Ice Hockey (5320639) **6.30** Eurosport News (2639) **7.00** Tennis: Madrid Open (69813) **9.00** Football: 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (88310) **11.00** Karting (65097) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (41108)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12174436) **6.15** Jamie and the Magic Torch (12162691) **6.30** Bucky O'Hare (6611542) **7.00** Bravestarr (3363542) **7.30** Neighbours (3369349) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1798073) **8.30** EastEnders (1797349) **9.00** The Bill (1884829) **9.30** The Onedin Line (5561252) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (6255894) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1282078) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1791165) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9120900) **1.00** EastEnders (3362813) **1.30** The Bill (9129271) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (7854568) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (1047418) **3.00** Dallas (1286894) **4.00** Dynasty (1378829) **5.00** Blankety Blank (7838320) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (6796766) **6.00** Neighbours (2164967) **6.30** The Onedin Line (3113981) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (9041833) **8.00** EastEnders (7834504) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (7853639) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (9259558) **10.00** The Bill (1792894) **10.30** Carrol's Lib (3973368) **11.30** Dr Who: Carnival of Monsters (6608078) **12.00-2.00am** Film: Windom's Way (1957) starring Peter Finch (4512566)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (59523) **7.00** RatKan II (22981) **9.00** Jack in the Box (69788) **11.00** Stones Without Words (13523) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (14252) **12.00** Secret Valley (35894) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (44542) **2.00** Stones Without Words (5252) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (6271) **3.00** Bobobobs (7387) **3.30** RatKan II (37962) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (6504) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (1977) **6.00** Fame (31078)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Maths Miscellany — The Black Holes and Uncle Albert
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew Lyle including Holst (St Paul's Suite: RPO under Malcolm Sargent); Martinů (La revue de cuisine: St Paul CO under Christopher Hogwood); Wagner (Siegfried Idyll: Vienna PO under Georg Solti); Haydn (Symphony No 59 in A, Fire: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner)
9.00 Composer of the Week. Hummel, Septet in C, Military (Nash Ensemble); Bassoon Concerto in F (George Zuckerman: Württemburg CO under Jörg Faerber)
10.00 Morning Sequence Haydn (Marche Regimento de Marshall: Bournemouth Wind Quire); Ives (Country Band March: Eastman Wind Ensemble under Donald Hunsberger), Ives (Violin Sonata No 2: Rebecca Hirsch, violin, John Lenehan, piano), Messiaen (Les offrandes oubliées: Paris Orchestra under Serge Baudo), Norman Hallam (Seven Variations for Sir: Bournemouth Wind Quire); Ives (Variations on America: Simon Preston, organ); Ravel (Violin Sonata in G: Hirsch, Lenehan); Messiaen (La nativité du Seigneur — excerpts, Simon Preston, organ); Berlioz (Bolero, Zaïde, Lyon Opera Orchestra under John Eliot Gardiner, with Brigitte Fournier, soprano); Castil-Blaze (Wind Sextet No 1: Bournemouth Wind Quire)
12.00 Haydn's Late Chamber Works. Piano Trio in E minor, H XV 12, Piano Sonata in C, H XVI 48, String Quartet in D, Op 76 No 5 (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 La Giuditta: Concerto Köln under René Jacobs performs Almeida's oratorio. With Lena Lootens, soprano, Martyn Hill, tenor, Francesca Congiu, soprano, and Axel Köhler, countertenor
3.15 Beethoven and Françaix. Marwood Ensemble performs Beethoven (String Trio in G, Op 9 No 1), Françaix (Quartet for cor anglais and strings)
4.00 BBC Scottish SO under Yoav Talmi performs Berger (Sinfonia di San Petronio); Brahms (Symphony No 2 in D)
5.00 In Tune: Natalie Wheen talks to the tenor Nicolai Gedda
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra: BBC Singers; BBC Symphony Chorus under Simon Joly, live from the Festival Hall, perform Howard Skempton (Lento); Ives (Three Places in New England). **8.10** Ivan Hewett talks to Gavin Bryars. **8.30** Gavin Bryars (The War in Heaven). See Choice
9.30 Porter's Return: In the fourth of five talks, Andrew Porter compares concert attendance in Britain and the United States
9.40 Warsaw Autumn '91. Netherlands Schoenberg Ensemble under Reinbert de Leeuw, with Barbara Sukova, sprechgesang, performs Schoenberg (Pierrot Lunaire, Op 21)
10.15 Bluebird Blues. The history of the Bluebird label (r)
10.45 Night Waves: The arts magazine reviews *Childhood Fragments*, an exhibition at the Battersea Pump House
11.30 Schumann's Heine Song-cycles. Peter Schreier, tenor, Christoph Eschenbach, piano, perform Liederkreis, Op 24; Dichterliebe
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland, as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Indarjit Singh **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, chaired by Michael Buerk
9.45 Surviving in Stroke City: Gerry Anderson reflects on the ironies of living in Northern Ireland
10.00-10.30 Crampton Hodnet (FM only): The final part of Barbara Pym's novel, dramatised by Elizabeth Proud
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): A selection of poetry on the nature of love. Read by Barbara Leigh-Hunt, Michael Onslow, Angela Pleasence, David Rintoul and Paul Shelley
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to the lesbian writer Sarah Schulman about the effectiveness of separatist publishing houses for gays, women and ethnic minorities. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Linda Lewis
12.25pm Litmus Test: Fred Harris chairs the light-hearted science panel game **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie.
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; I'll Be Caesar, by Alan England. Life mirrors art when National Service personnel studying *Julius Caesar* in a residential drama class exact their revenge on Captain Macintyre (Russell Dixon), the classroom bully
3.00-4.00 Iconoclasts (FM only): Karen Armstrong asks: Does God exist as an objective reality? Trevor Barnes chairs a discussion
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope In Aberdeen: Paul Allen talks to local authors, and listens to the Scottish blues
4.45 Short Story: Samphire, by Patrick O'Brian. Read by Diana Bishop
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Masterson Inheritance An improvised historical drama starring Josie Lawrence and Paul Merton
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Slave City First: Mike Boyle investigates the historical suppression of Liverpool's slave-trading origins
8.00 The Thin Blue Line: See Choice
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Ted Harrison. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Mark Gregory **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love on a Branch Line, by John Hadfield. Read by Michael Cochrane (4/10)
11.00 Three for the Road: Rock Springs, by Richard Ford. The last of three plays based on modern American short stories. Earl drives south with his girlfriend and his daughter
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Thin Blue Line. *Radio 4, 8.00pm.*
The third of James Naughtie's reports on the United Nations peacekeeping in action is from Cambodia, now only weeks away from the elections that aim to bring peace and stability after a generation of war. But Naughtie, like many a distinguished reporter before him, discovers that edging Cambodia towards democracy is a strategy of two steps forward and one back. Despite the 1991 Paris peace agreement, fighting goes on between the Khmer Rouge and government forces, and the UN peacekeepers realise that they are suspected of being just another faction in a power struggle.

BBC Symphony Orchestra. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*
Fallen angels, biblical and Hollywood, helped to condition Gavin Bryars's thinking when he wrote *The War in Heaven*. The title was lifted from the Sam Shephard monologue on which Bryars drew for his sung text. He also used a 7th-century Anglo-Saxon text about rebellious angels at the time of the Creation, and it was Peter Falk's fallen angel in the film *Wings of Desire* that nudged him still further towards his new work, dedicated to Falk. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Dance Energy. Normski's guest is M C Solaar **9.00** The Guest List with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Andrew Neil **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The News Huddlines **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gloria Gaynor **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

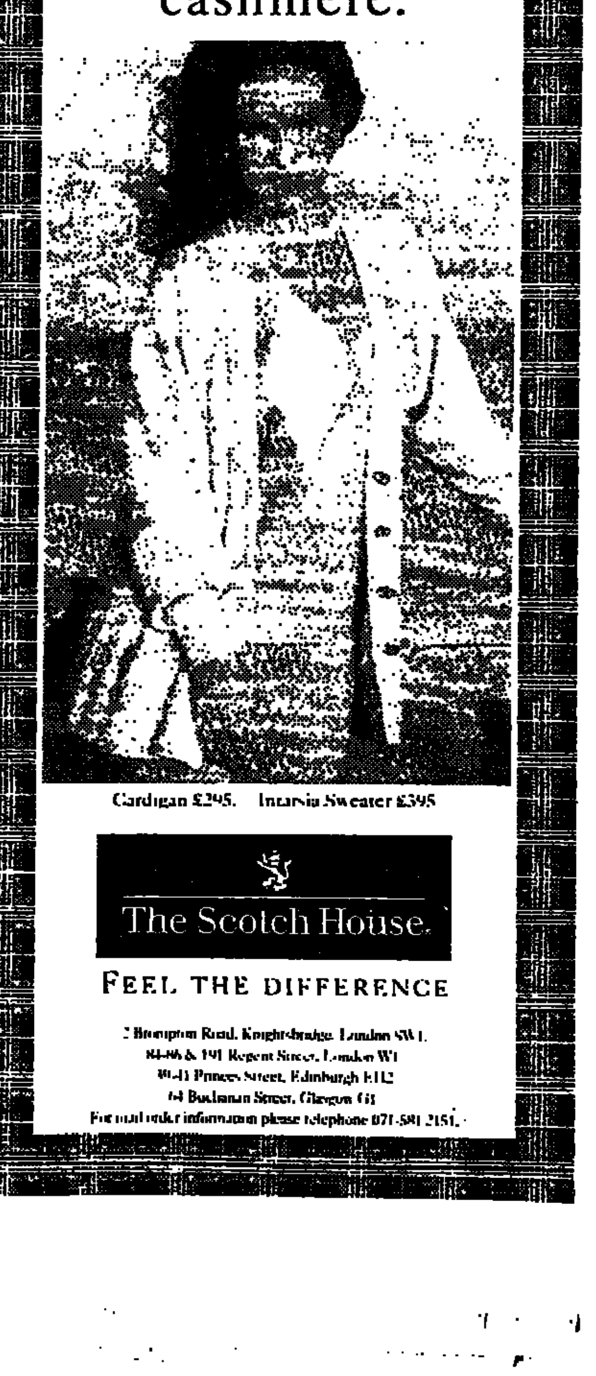
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Let's Make a Story; **9.15** Together — An assembly for schools; **9.35** Listening and Reading 3, **9.45** The Song Tree. **10.00** In the News **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Garden Centre **1.00** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** A Game of Two Halves **4.30** Five Aside **7.15** Ghostly Tales for Ghastly Kids, by Jamie Rix **7.30** Swotline, Maths revision with Annie Nightingale **8.30** Vibe! **9.30** Red Devils: The final part of Debbie Horsfield's football drama **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** World News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Simon **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Father and Son **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News Headlines in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** World News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In the Steps of Rachmaninov **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Seven Seas **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Simon **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Mozart (Clarinet Concerto: Jack Brymer; RPO under Sir Thomas Beecham) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Travel Guide. Cheryl Buggy visits Nova Scotia **8.00** Evening Concert: London Philharmonic under Neeme Järvi performs Medtner (Piano Concerto No 3 in E minor: Geoffrey Tozer) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth



FREQUENCIES: RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102.

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Quinn's strike gains point from European champions

Narrow escape for Ireland

Ireland..... 1
Denmark..... 1

FROM PETER BALL IN DUBLIN

IRELAND stayed on course for the World Cup finals in the United States next year, but only just. A goal 15 minutes from time by Niall Quinn brought them a hard-earned draw in this group three match as Denmark demonstrated to a windswept capacity Lansdowne Road crowd why they are the European champions.

The point apiece leaves both sides poised on Spain's shoulder at the top of the group with games in hand. The goals were the first that either had conceded in the qualifying games, and it was the first point that Ireland have dropped in Dublin. Any disappointment at that was cancelled out by the realisation that they had had a narrow escape, and Denmark were the more disappointed team last night.

"I was absolutely delighted with the draw in the end," Jack Charlton, the Ireland manager, said. "They are a very good side. They worked very hard and they are very well organised. They wouldn't let us settle, and they did to us what we usually do to other sides. It is a long time since a team has worked as hard here as Denmark did."

If hard work was the basis of Denmark's performance, bravery, determination, flashes of high skill from Laudrup and shrewd tactical planning also played their part. They had been expected to defend in depth and break quickly. Instead, for the first hour they competed fiercely all over the field, recapturing the vibrant morale which made them European champions last summer.

From the start they went for the Irish throats. John Jensen made a mockery of his uncertain form at Highbury, ranging across the middle of the field like a powerhouse to subdue Keane, Townsend and anybody else who was unwise enough to came near him. Vilfort was almost equally impressive, and with Laudrup always threatening to tear open the defence with his flickering dribbles, Ireland were soon stretched at the back.

They had their moments in the early stages. Houghton, looking offside, found himself behind the defence but put his cross-shot inches wide, and then Schmeichel had to go full length to hold Aldridge's volley at the end of a six-man passing move.

Aldridge and Quinn were finding it hard, however, to break free, with Olsen tidying up behind their markers, and with Elstrup, Laudrup and Vilfort driving forward in support of Pingel, Denmark soon looked the more dangerous side. The point was confirmed by Vilfort's splendid strike just before the half-hour.

If its execution marked high skill by the Dane, it was a bad one for Ireland to concede. McGrath went back to head away a ball the advancing Bonner could have collected. The header was weak and fell for Vilfort to loop a left-foot lob over the rapidly retreating Bonner and under the bar from just outside the penalty area.

"When you see that goal go in, you think it might not be your day," Charlton said, and for some time Ireland's attempts to recover their equilibrium faltered.

They might have had a penalty when Rieper bowled Quinn over, but that was balanced as Kernaghan pulled down Elstrup as the former Luton Town forward moved in for the kill with the goal gaping at the end of a sweeping move involving Landrup, Pingel and Vilfort. "I was quite happy with the referee," Kernaghan said with a smile.

That escape soon after half-time was to be almost the last serious attack by Denmark. Soon Kristensen replaced Pingel as their thoughts turned to protecting their lead.

"I thought their centre backs were brilliant," Charlton said as the visitors held out resolutely against a series of direct assaults as the minutes ticked away.

Eventually, however, the broadsword paid off. Staunton fired in a centre following a short corner and Quinn got a flick narrowly to deceive Schmeichel. "I've scored three times against the best goalkeeper in the world this season, but I still haven't been on the winning side against him," the forward said ruefully.

IRELAND: P Bonner (Celtic); D Irwin (Man Utd), E McGoldrick (Crystal Palace), P McGrath (Aston Villa), A Kernaghan (Middlesbrough), R Keane (Nottingham Forest), A Townsend (Chelsea), R Houghton (Aston Villa), N Quinn (Manchester City), J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers, sub: A Cascarino, Chelsea), S Staunton (Aston Villa).

DENMARK: P Schmeichel (Manchester United); B Steen Nielsen (Odense), M Rieper (Brondby), L Olsen (Serarog), J Kjeldbjerg (Silkeborg), J Frils-Hansen (Lille), J Jensen (Arsenal), K Vilfort (Brondby), F Pingel (Brondby, sub: B Kristensen, Portsmouth), L Elstrup (Odense), B Laudrup (Florentina).

Referee: R Harrel.



Local hero: Quinn, Ireland's scorer, tries to shake off a challenge by Rieper at Lansdowne Road yesterday. Photograph: Rui Vieira

GROUP THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	7	3	4	0	5	1	10
Spain	7	3	3	1	13	1	9
Ireland	6	3	3	0	10	1	9
Lithuania	7	2	3	2	6	11	7
N Ireland	6	2	2	2	7	7	6
Latvia	8	0	4	4	3	17	4
Albania	7	1	1	5	4	14	3

RESULTS: Spain 3, Albania 0; N Ireland 2, Lithuania 2; Ireland 2, Albania 0; Albania 1, Lithuania 0; Latvia 1, Lithuania 2; Latvia 0, Denmark 0; Ireland 4, Latvia 0; N Ireland 3, Albania 0; Latvia 0, Spain 0, Lithuania 0, Denmark 0; N Ireland 0, Spain 0; Denmark 0, Ireland 0; Lithuania 1, Latvia 1; Albania 1, Latvia 1; Spain 0, Ireland 0; N Ireland 0, Denmark 1; Spain 5, Latvia 0; Albania 1, N Ireland 2; Spain 5, Lithuania 0; Ireland 3, N Ireland 0; Denmark 1, Spain 0; Denmark 2, Latvia 0; Lithuania 3, Albania 1; Ireland 1, Denmark 1

☐ Not including Spain v N Ireland.

Leading player escapes Zambian tragedy

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

OUT of even the most grotesque of tragedies comes a tiny sprig of hope. When the Zambia national team was plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off Gabon late on Monday, it was thought at first that the nation's entire World Cup squad had been wiped out.

But it transpired that three players, among them the finest goalscorer the nation has spawned, were saved by missing the plane. Kalusha Bwalya, the magnificent left-foot striker from PSV Eindhoven, had been barred by his Dutch club from travelling to Africa for a friendly match that preceded Zambia's World Cup qualifier against Senegal next Sunday. So Kalusha, his namesake, Johnston Bwalya, and the staunch defender, Charles Musonda, from Anderlecht, had all agreed to travel independently, no doubt, if past experience is anything to go by, on the president's personal jet.

And those three could be the hope. Sporting considerations are obviously for the moment secondary to the tragic loss of 18 players and 12 other people on the Zambian Air Force plane, which came down shortly after take-off from the Gabon capital Libreville. And as we learnt from the Manchester United tragedy at Munich airport in 1958, sooner rather than later teams evolve and regenerate.

The team's losses include an athletic goalkeeper, David Chabala, who had been based with Argentinos Juniors, and the gifted midfield player, Timothy Mwitwa. Other players were notably from the home-based clubs of the Copper Belt, clubs such as Crowfoot Warriors.

But, mercifully, Sammy Ndhlovu, the coach who has several times rebuilt the Zambian team, is not among the names listed as dead. While Kalusha and his coach survive, then Africa need not lose faith in a new Zambia finding its feet, perhaps, after a suitable time of mourning, even to claim a place in the 1994 World Cup finals, which was the purpose of the mission that so tragically went down.

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Buoyant Hendry stays on course for title

BY PHIL YATES

STEPHEN Hendry received a glowing testimonial from Nigel Bond after beating him 13-7 in the quarter-finals of the Embassy world snooker championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday.

"That's the best snooker I've played all season and I still lost," Bond said. "Stephen was flying — I couldn't do anything about it."

Bond, the world No 9, compiled two century breaks, including a 139 total clearance, but was still unable to arrest Hendry's march towards a third world title.

On the evidence of Hendry's first three matches, it is difficult to argue with Bond's conclusion that "no one can touch him on this form." The defending champion has won 36 frames while dropping only 12. During this period of domination, Hendry has constructed 22 half-century and three century breaks.

Hendry resumed with an 11-5 lead but, for the first time in this year's championship, suffered a few moments of anxiety as Bond rallied to 11-7 with a last red-to-pink clearance in the seventeenth frame and a late run of 34 in the next.

After trailing 48-0 in the nineteenth frame, Bond gamely replied with 50 before unluckily snookering himself on the yellow. Although Bond escaped, his opportunity to fashion a clearance had evaporated. Hendry eventually potted brown to pink for 12-7 before booking his semi-final place with an authoritative 95 break.

"I'm playing a lot better this year than I did last," Hendry said. "I had to scramble through some of my matches prior to the semi-finals 12 months ago."

John Parrott, the 1991 champion, recovered from a 5-3 overnight deficit to draw level with James Wattana, of Thailand, at 5-5 but then lost the closing six frames of a surprisingly one-sided second session to trail 11-5.

Jimmy White moved closer to a fourth consecutive world championship final by beating Dennis Taylor 13-8 but his form remains patchy.

QUARTER-FINALS: Results: S Hendry (Scot) bt N Bond (Engl), 13-7; J White (Eng) bt D Taylor (N Ire), 13-8. Latest positions: J Wattana (Thai) leads J Parrot (Engl), 11-5. A McManus (Sco) leads N Foulds (Eng), 8-7

Hard-working Wales keep Cup dreams alive



Hughes: vital goal

RCS..... 1
Wales..... 1

FROM KEITH PIKE IN OSTRAVA

THIS was a result which Wales would gladly have paid for beforehand, a draw keeping their World Cup dreams very much alive and at the same time all but eliminating the Representation of Czechs and Slovaks (RCS) from the qualifying equation.

It was achieved with little of the flair that had illuminated Cardiff and accounted for Belgium last month, but the Bazaly Stadium reverberated to the sound of good old British endeavour. Wales ran themselves into the ground deservedly to preserve the group four point Mark Hughes's first-half goal had earned.

It was also ground out amid scenes of crowd disorder. Twice during the match police wielding the batons had to separate brawling supporters on the terraces, and the aggravation continued as they left the stadium.

Wales's players kept their minds very much on the job in hand to move within two points of Rumania. With three home games to come after their visits to Faeroe Islands in June, it appears increasingly likely that the visit of Rumania in November will determine who accompanies Belgium, the clear favourites to the United States.

It was rarely pretty to watch, with a bumpy pitch and a largely indifferent crowd affecting both the quality of the play and the atmosphere. Hughes's goal came from one of only three real chances they created, and if Southall was certainly the busier goalkeeper he was rarely fully extended. Too often the RCS's more fluent attacks were wasted with poor shooting, and when they did find the target in the second half Southall was equal to the task.

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	7	6	0	1	12	3	12
Romania	6	4	1	1	19	5	9
Wales	6	3	1	2	11	8	7
RCS	5	1	3	1	8	5	5
Cyprus	8	2	1	5	8	13	5
Faeroes	6	0	0	6	1	25	0

RESULTS: Belgium 1, Cyprus 0; Romania 7, Faeroe Islands 0; Romania 5, Wales 1; Faeroe Islands 0, Belgium 3; Faeroe Islands 0, Cyprus 2; Representation of Czechs and Slovaks 1, Belgium 2; Wales 6, Faeroe Islands 0; RCS 4, Faeroe Islands 0; Cyprus 0, Wales 1; Belgium 1, Romania 0, Romania 1, RCS 1; Belgium 2, Wales 0; Cyprus 1, Romania 4; Cyprus 0, Belgium 3, Cyprus 1, RCS 1; Wales 2, Belgium 0; Romania 2, Cyprus 1; Cyprus 3, Faeroe Islands 1; RCS 1, Wales 1.

The first half hour could hardly have gone better for Wales. Defending competently and springing forward to attack with some purpose, they took the lead through Hughes.

Wales were most impressive at the back, even if tired legs nearly betrayed them in the closing stages. Their reshuffled central defence, lacking three first-choice players through suspension or injury, coped admirably with the RCS pressure, and when gaps did appear Blackmore was splendidly alert.

Wales enjoyed one slice of luck, when Nemec's overhead kick from the byline clipped Southall's bar before the intended cross bounced clear, and Southall did have to save smartly from Kuka's downward header.

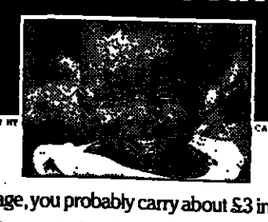
That was in the 27th minute, and less than 60 seconds later Wales were ahead. Giggs, wide on the right, picked out Hughes with a near-post cross and a clever dummy gave him all the space he needed to score with a low shot.

Having gained a priceless advantage, however, Wales threw it away ten minutes later. Kubik's free-kick to the edge of the area posed on obvious danger but Latal punished a moments hesitation by Blackmore to take the ball to the left before swivelling to beat Southall inside his near post.

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Referee: J Quinlou (France).

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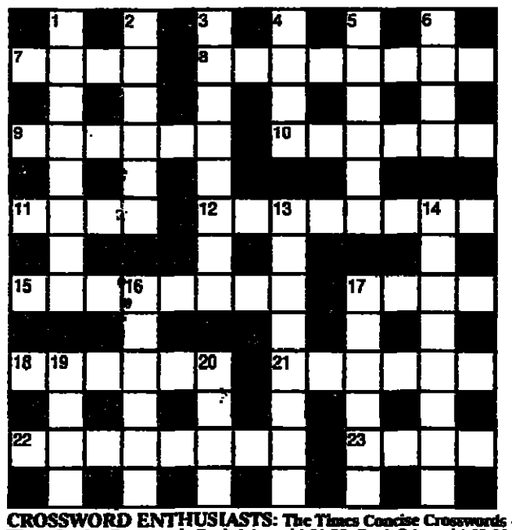
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ACROSS
7 Confront (4)
8 Daily (5,3)
9 Mormon church (6)
10 Tawdry art (6)
11 Inform of danger (4)
12 Zodiac water carrier (8)
15 Remove old flowers (4,4)
17 Wharf (4)
18 Maintenance (6)
21 Formal inspection (6)
22 Massing (8)
23 Linger behind (4)

DOWN
1 Render harmless (4,4)
2 Warrior's tool (6)
3 Influential power (8)
4 Feeble (4)
5 Pearl mollusc (6)
6 Body powder (4)
13 Too young (5,3)
14 US figure (5,3)
16 Very dull (6)
17 Split (6)
19 Smallest chess piece (4)
20 Self-righteous type (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 3083

ACROSS: 1 Prang 4 Put down 8 Subsidise 9 Inn 10 Yet 11 Fortnight 12 Strut 13 Tip up 16 Terminate 18 Ego 20 Low 21 Kittiwake 22 Doyenne 23 Eider

DOWN: 1 Pasty 2 Arbiter 3 Grief stricken 4 Priory 5 Toeing the line 6 Owing 7 Nonstop 12 Settled 14 Pollard 15 Castle 17 Rowdy 19 Their

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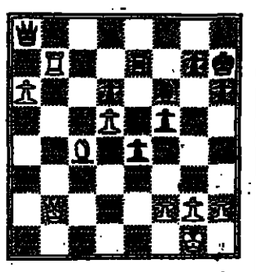
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Short — Anand, Monaco 1993. White has a very dangerous passed a-pawn, but his queen is under attack. How can he resolve the situation in his favour?

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WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

TALPINE
a. The Alaska pine
b. Like a mole
c. Lying on one's side

MUNDITY
a. Ordinariness
b. Everyman
c. Cleanliness

PYX
a. Receptacle for the host
b. Newspaper pictures
c. The Macedonian throne

CONTORTUPLICATIONS
a. Convolutions
b. Lying excuses
c. Diarrhoea

Answers on page 43